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CHENNAULT'S WAR WARNING

World War III Time Fuse In Manchuria

ARMY POSTING DECISION

London, Feb. 3. Future army postings with certain exceptions will not be drawn from age and service groups below 72, the War Office announced. Personnel drafted overseas will normally be selected from the following groups: BAOR British troops, Austria, British elements, Trieste force, British troops in France, RAC Royal Artillery, Infantry and Catering Corps, Group 76 and later, all other arms 72 and later; Middle East Land Force, RAC Royal Artillery, Infantry and Catering Corps, Group 79 and later; all other arms Group 76 and later; Far East Land Forces and West Africa; all arms Group 109 and later.—Reuter.

Hong Kong Merchants May Be Boycotted

Belfast, Feb. 3. Linen traders in Northern Ireland are considering whether to boycott Chinese merchants in Hong Kong who are underselling in the American linen market.

By unofficial dealings in United States and local markets, these merchants have secured cheap sterling with which they make large purchases from Belfast linen houses. At the end of last year, shipments to Hong Kong were at the rate of 350,000 yards per month—over one-third of the direct cloth exports to the United States. The linen is concerned into handkerchiefs and embroidered goods and sent to American buyers at rates which are cutting out home-made Ulster goods. Members of the New York Linen Trade Association have warned the Belfast industry that the results of this Hong Kong entry into the American market may well be disastrous. Linen exporters may also ask the British Government for a stricter control of Hong Kong exchange dealings.—Reuter.

Canton Blow At H.K. Newspapers

Chinese newspapers published in Hong Kong will, as from Friday this week, have to be sent to Canton by boat or train, instead of by air as at present.

This move is a result of a resolution adopted by the so-called Canton-Hong Kong Newspaper Representatives Convention (in which the Hong Kong Chinese papers are not represented). The Convention has also resolved that the Colony's Chinese papers are to be sold in Canton at fixed prices—CN\$5,000 for an 8-page paper, and CN\$7,000 for a 12-page paper.

The measures adopted against the Hong Kong Chinese press are a direct result of the latter's treatment of the Shamen Incident. Apparently annoyed by the comparatively accurate and unbiased reports carried by the Hong Kong Chinese papers, the "Kowloon City Diplomatic Aid Committee," comprising some 26 separate groups, advocated a total ban on the sale in Canton of the "Sung Tao Jih Pao" and the "Kung Shung Yat Po." Following this agitation, representatives of the papers saw Dr.

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Dreaded Pattern Being Repeated

New York, Feb. 3. Maj-Gen. Claire L. Chennault, former leader of the Flying Tigers, believes that "the time fuse of World War III is burning in Manchuria." Gen. Chennault, now head of the Chinese Relief Administration Air Transport Service, cabled his views from Shanghai at the request of the Scripps Howard newspapers.

He said: "The United States owes it to China and herself to stamp out this evil threat if possible. I believe it is possible. If the United States does not help China and herself in this way, we shall have facilitated the triumph of Russian-inspired, Russian-armed, Russian-manipulated rebellion within and against a nation friendly to us. We shall have abandoned the initiative we possess for keeping what remains of world peace.

"Something must be done, because the only conceivable strategic motivation for this cat-and-mouse game which Russia is playing in Manchuria is to insure her Eastern flank for freedom of action in Europe.

Dreaded Pattern
 "Russia will not take the big plunge in the West until she is secure in the East. That security is what she is seeking at the present time. Much of the dread pattern of Japan's first move for conquest in Asia is being repeated in Manchuria.

"While Russia's present manoeuvres are perfect not as open as Japan's, they are nonetheless clear in their implications. The aggressive motivation is essentially the same and if unchecked will bring the same result. Manchuria, with Korea, is the Eastern anchor of that vast belt of strategic territory Russia must control in Asia before she can act with a free hand in Europe, with her Eastern flank secure from retaliatory assault.

"A Communist Manchuria probably will entail the eventual disappearance of China as well as other Asiatic countries from the community of free nations. We cannot afford to let Manchuria go under unless we are prepared to surrender to the world, ourselves included, to totalitarian authority.

Deadly Train
 "If Manchuria is to be saved and the present deadly train of events averted, the United States must act decisively.

T.V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung, in Canton, who promised that the matter would be straightened out. The papers continued to be sent by air but, at the end of January, copies of the "Sung Pao" and "Kung Shung Yat Po" were seized by a band of some 20 men and were not released until 3 p.m. Two days ago the "Kowloon City Diplomatic Aid Committee" passed seven resolutions directed against the Hong Kong papers, most important of which were: he ban on air delivery and fixed prices.

LONDON CINEMA PRANK
 London, Feb. 3. An explosion caused by practical jokes injured two members of the audience at Odéon Cinema, Tottenham Court Road, last night. As the audience of 2,000 were streaming out after the film "Salome," a wooden door of the small emergency lighting panel behind the stalls blew out. The people were injured by flying splinters.—Reuter.

After robbing the woman of two gold rings and two pairs of earrings, the robbers took the children for ransom, and said she would be hearing from them in due course the amount required for their release. In another case, at Shatin last evening, four robbers, three with revolvers and one with a dagger, took a man from a hut for ransom.

BORDER BOMB ALLEGATION

Nanking, Feb. 3. A dispatch from Kweilin to the paper "Wan Pao" said that four war planes with French markings crossed the Chinese-Indo-Chinese border on Jan. 20, dropped 20 bombs on Chinese territory and strafed the ground one and a half hours before flying away in the direction of Langson. Chinese losses were not ascertained. Confirmation from official Chinese sources was not available.—Associated Press.

Talks On Kowloon Dispute

Nanking, Feb. 3. Small progress has been made towards an amicable settlement of the Kowloon dispute. Negotiations were still proceeding at top-level between the British and Chinese authorities but an early settlement at the present moment appears unlikely.

Chinese press reports in the past week have given prominence to "comforting mission" calling on the "squatters" remaining within the Kowloon walled city area. These missions, it is felt in official quarters, "are hindering the negotiations" as the majority advantage of the amenities provided in alternative to the accommodation offered by the Hong Kong authorities. A British Embassy spokesman this morning said that the Hong Kong Government will not take action while negotiations are still proceeding but the presence of squatters minimizes the chances of an early peaceful settlement and increases the possibility of further tension.

Pending official reports on the burning of the British Consulate at Canton, negotiations concerning compensation are at standstill.—Reuter-AAP.

MacArthur Lifts Entry Quotas

Tokyo, Feb. 3. General MacArthur's headquarters officially announced today that, effective immediately, the overall and national quotas for foreign business men coming to Japan have been lifted.

The move was regarded as the most sweeping yet to normalize commercial relations between Japan and the rest of the world since limited private trade was reopened on Aug. 15. It will ease the time limitations of businessmen's stay in Japan, allow certain of them to assume a semi-permanent resident status and eventually bring families to Japan.

It is emphasized, however, that the numbers permitted to enter will be restricted to accommodations available, and at present no more than two representatives of the same firm, except banks and other service organizations, will be allowed in at the same time if hotel accommodations are required. SCAP said prospective investors and those seeking property restitution will be limited to persons who "will contribute to the economic rehabilitation of Japan."

It said that the new entrance criteria do not alter the existing business regulations. Businessmen must still be sponsored by their respective governments. Names may be submitted directly to SCAP through missions or diplomatic representatives in Japan, or directly to the State Department in Washington. Final approval rests with SCAP which may revoke a permit where entrants are "no longer contributing to the achievement of the occupation objectives." Pointing out that Government-occupied hotels throughout Japan at present can accommodate only 500, the announcement said those wishing to remain longer than 60 days must

KOWLOON HOUSE COLLAPSE

For the second night in succession a house collapse occurred accompanied by tragedy.

At 8:30 p.m. last night a one-story wooden hut in Tung Tau Village, Kowloon City, collapsed following the sudden toppling down of an adjoining building in course of construction. The debris of stone blocks and mortar completely buried the victims.

Despite quick work by the Fire Brigade excavation squad, by the time the victims were brought out, two were dead and one died shortly after. One seriously injured was removed to Kowloon Hospital.

The dead were a Chinese woman, Wong Wan-chong (36) and her 5-year-old son Hui Ah, and a 11-day old baby. A seriously injured was her 12-year-old daughter Hui Ah-lin. The husband, Hui Hung-lau (40), was not at home at the time.

Up to a late hour last night the Fire Brigade were still excavating for possible further victims. Seven more bodies were exhumed from the wreck of the two huts at Swatow Lane following the previous night's collapse. This brings the total death toll to 10. The Fire Brigade completed work yesterday afternoon on the debris.

NOW THEY KNOW

Nagsay, Feb. 3. A tree in Tsaurmai Park here, which baffled Japanese balloonists for 30 years, has now been identified—as the result of finding an American book—as the "only living California redwood tree in Japan."—United Press.

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The more crucial struggle, however, is that raging further west, where the Government position was described as critical in unconfirmed reports, which said that gunfire is now within earshot of Chinchow. The reports also said that Tainho, strategic town immediately north of Chinchow and located on the river of the same name, fell into Communist hands last night.

At the same time, pro-Government dispatches said that Pan-shan, a rail point on the Kowloon-Yingchow line, has been evacuated by the Nationalist troops, after inflicting heavy losses on the Communists, while the Reds at Shihshan, 13 miles north of Chinchow, are being surrounded. Military conferences of top-level forces

GANDHI MURDER PLOT

Conspirators All Over Dominion

Bombay, Feb. 3. Investigations all over India into Mr. Gandhi's assassination were today reported to have enabled the police to piece together the outline of the plot, involving conspirators from all parts of the Dominion but mainly centred in Bombay and Delhi.

The Deputy-Inspector of Police and a high officer of the Bombay Criminal Investigation Department were today flying to New Delhi to confer with the Delhi police on the speeding up of investigations.

The Bombay police searched some 50 houses in Bombay during the night and arrested 22 people. Business was beginning again in New Delhi today after a three-day suspension of all work in mourning for Mr. Gandhi but processions, demonstrations and other displays of national grief were still holding up the return to normal.

Mills and factories were closed today because the workers were taking part in demonstrations and over 1,000 goods-wagons were held up outside Delhi because of the lack of labour to move them.

Disorders
 In Ahmedabad, Bombay Province, armed police were today rushed to the mill area to quell disorders which started when mill hands threw stones and shouted slogans, demanding a fourth day's morning closure of the mills.

A meeting in Hyderabad in mourning for the Mahatma broke up in disorder before resolutions of grief could be passed. The Indian Socialist Party has become prominent during the last few days because of its organization of anti-communal demonstrations in which Jai Prakash Narain, the Party's leader, has taken an important part.

Bomb Attempt
 Madan Lal, the Indian who was arrested after a bomb was thrown at Gandhi's prayer meeting on Jan. 20, has been taken to Bombay by air under a heavy guard. He is being held in connection with the present police probe into the assassination.

Madan Lal, a native of Montgomery district of West Punjab (Pakistan) was seized immediately after the bomb had exploded 30 yards from Mr. Gandhi as he was addressing his daily prayer meeting.—Reuter.

New Import Rules
 All imports not covered by an import licence will, in future be regarded as smuggled goods and confiscated by the Customs authorities, the Executive Yuan decided tonight, following recommendations of the Import Control Commission.

The new regulations cover all goods impounded at present in Shanghai godowns and other import in transit, ordered since Oct. 1, 1947. Importers must present bills of lading and other documentary evidence, proving that the articles are essential imports within 15 days of the receipt of Customs notification, failing which the goods will be confiscated.—Reuter-AAP.

U.S. Protest To Rumania
 Washington, Feb. 3. The State Department has sent a new note to the Communist-controlled Rumanian Government protesting violations of the basic democratic freedoms. Official sources here today confirmed that the note, the latest in a long series of such protests, had been dispatched to Bucharest.

It is believed the text would be made public once it has been formally received by the Rumanian Foreign Office. The note, it was reported, criticises the former enemy country for "denying freedom of expression" and other liberties which it is pledged by the peace settlements to guarantee its citizens.—United Press.

The Weather
 General situation.—A ridge from an anti-cyclone over Mongolia extends towards Shanghai and continues to spread slowly south and east. A deep depression south of Kanchaika is moving north-east and a weak depression has developed over Yunnan. Forecast.—Fresh east or north-east winds, cloudy with bright intervals in the afternoon. Yesterday's Weather.—Maximum: 82.7 deg. Fah. Minimum: 64.9 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 52 hours. Rainfall: Trace. Total since Jan. 1.—86.9 mm.—1.34 in. as against an average of 24.8 mm.—1.32 in. for the month. Wind.—Average: 10 km.—6.2 m.p.h. Direction: 110 deg. P.

IRON MINING ON HAINAN

Nanking, Feb. 3. The National Resources Commission is planning to mine 300,000 metric tons of iron on Hainan Island this year, the Commission spokesman announced today. He said the Japanese during their occupation of the island mined about 5,000,000 tons of ore and shipped about half of it to their home islands. He added that it was believed the Hainan iron reserves are worth over 50,000,000 tons.—United Press.

Manila Chinese Protest

Manila, Feb. 3. The Chinese Market Stallholders Association has cabled a strong protest to the Chinese Government in Nanking, denouncing the ousting of Chinese nationals from Manila's public markets under provisions of the City ordinance "nationalizing" the stalls. The vendors asked the Nanking Government to protest to the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs against the "injustice" of the ouster. The Chinese Minister, Chen Chih-ping, who has been in Manila for about a month, is scheduled to return today and the Chinese vendors' association may again seek his intervention in their case. Mr. Chen's last appeal for postponement of the ouster—made from China—was rejected by the Molacan.—United Press.

30 Buried Alive

Manila, Feb. 3. Press reports from Iloilo City said that 30 persons were buried alive in the village of Lubub, Valderama town in the Province of Antique on Panay Island during the Jan. 25 earthquake. The reports said the village was remotely located at the foot of a mountain and the fate of the victims was not known until yesterday. They said the landslide buried seven dwellings. Two quakes of five-seconds duration again rocked Iloilo City yesterday and two children were injured by falling slabs of masonry.—United Press.

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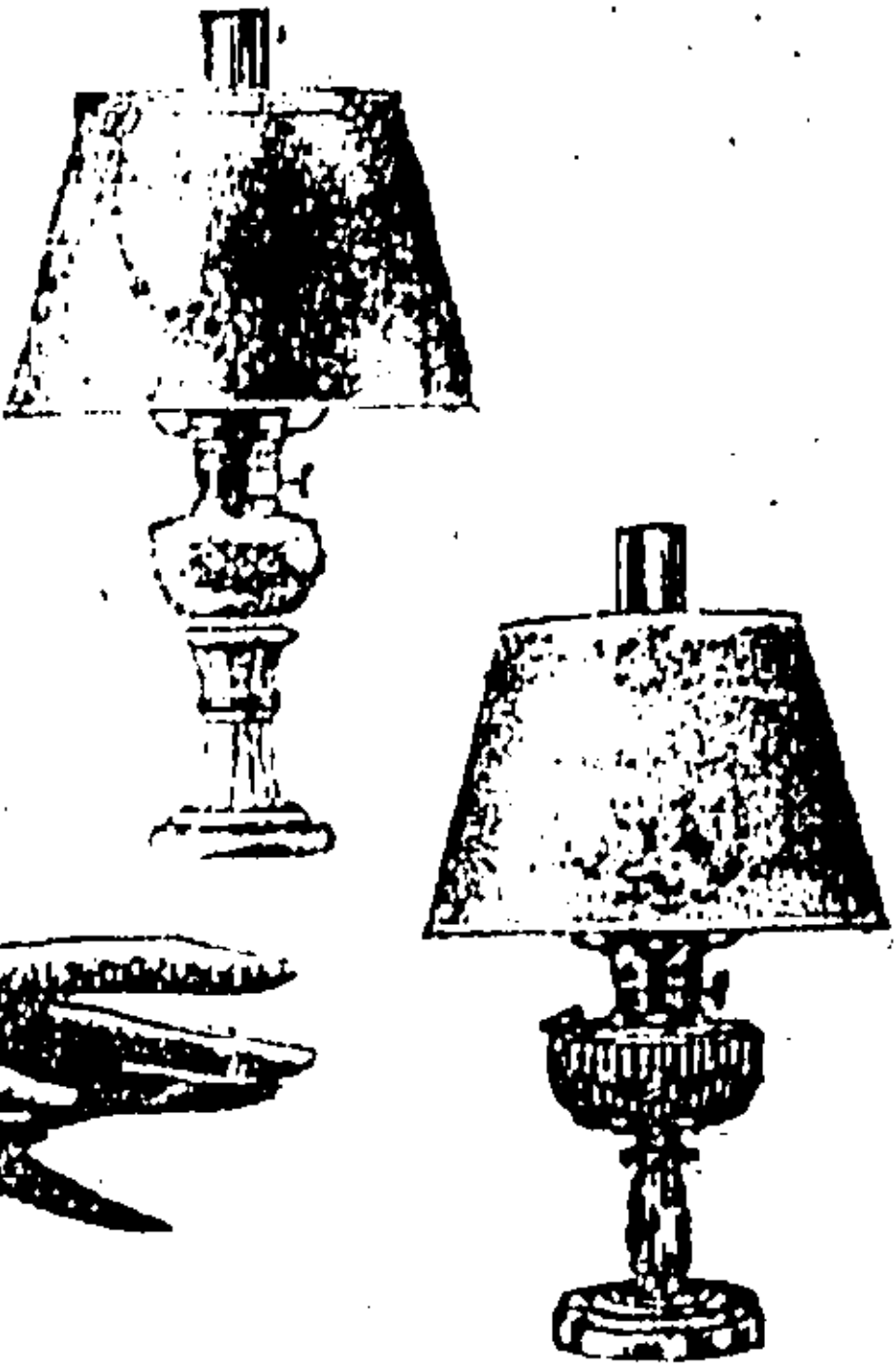
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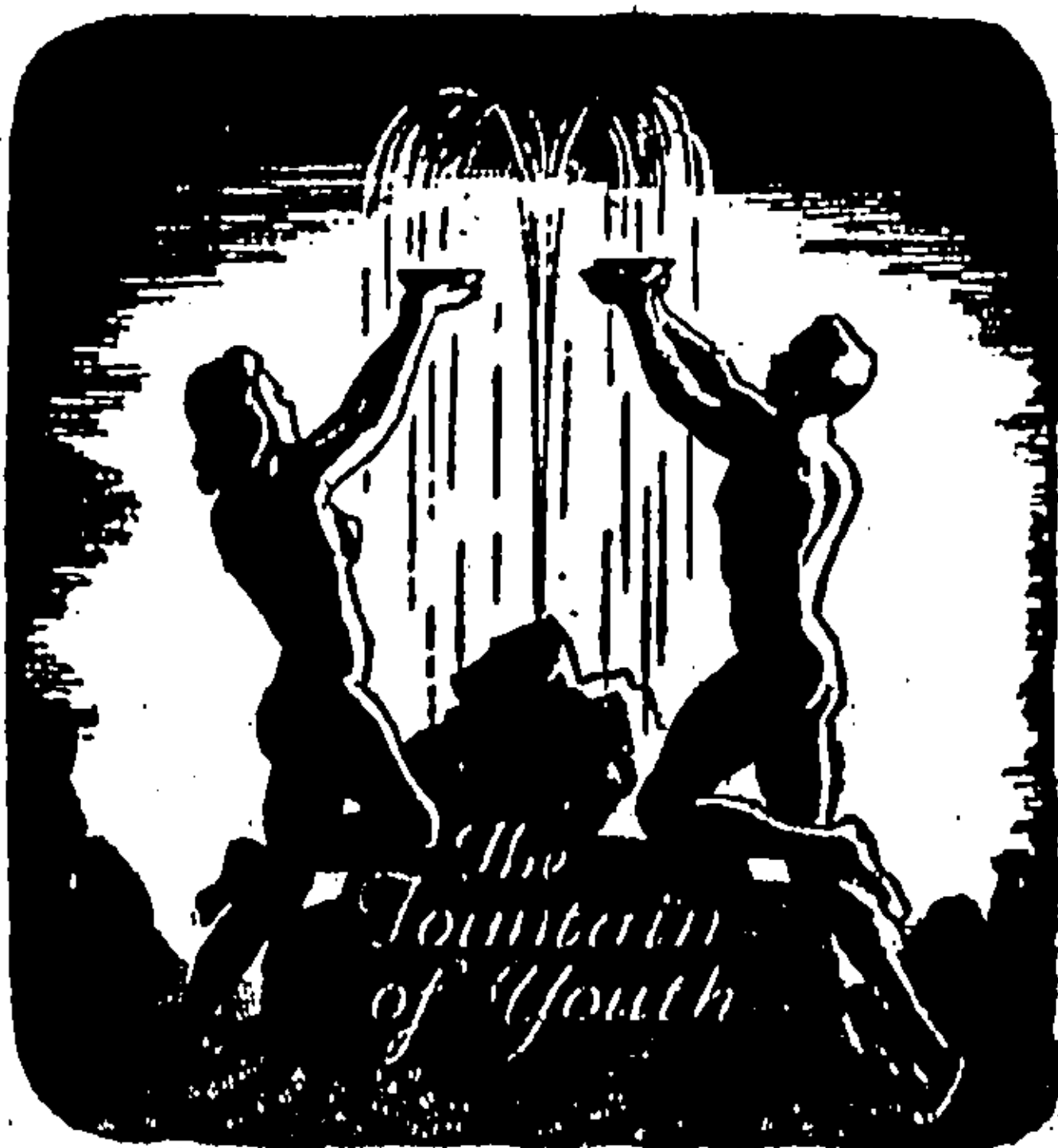
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DESERTION CASE APPEAL "Matter Of Great Importance To Women"

Dismissed On A Technical Point

The case in which Noble Flurschheim was sued by his wife, Mrs. Sithy Balkeza Flurschheim, for desertion and neglecting to support herself and three children, was recalled at the Supreme Court yesterday, when an appeal against the decision of Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr in favour of Noble Flurschheim, was dismissed by the Full Court—Mr. Justice Williams (Chief Justice) and Mr. Justice Gould (Puisne Judge).

The appeal was dismissed on a technical point. In the course of his judgment, with which Mr. Justice Gould concurred, Mr. Justice Williams said that the court held, with regret, that it had no jurisdiction to hear the appeal.

The appellant, Mrs. Sithy Balkeza Flurschheim, was represented by Mr. Charles Lossby, Mr. Lossby was retained by The Hong Kong Council of Women whose Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary were in Court.

Mr. A. J. Arculli appeared for Noble Flurschheim, the respondent. At the Magisterial proceedings, it was disclosed that the appellant and respondent were married in Dec. 1942, according to Mohammedan law and custom.

They lived together up to Jan. 1947, when respondent is alleged to have left appellant for another woman. There were three children of the marriage.

Respondent claimed that prior to 1942, he was a Christian. Since Mar. 1946, he had, both outside and inside the Court, affirmed that he was a Roman Catholic.

Expert evidence was called to support the proposition that where a Mohammedan changes his religion to a non-Moslem one his marriage was thereby, with out further formality, nullified.

Argument

In his judgment, Mr. Blair-Kerr held that for the purposes of the application before him, the marriage was dissolved. This meant that the appellant was no longer a married woman and since the parties were no longer husband and wife, it followed the Court could not make a maintenance order against the former husband and the application must therefore be discharged.

When the Full Court sat yesterday morning, Mr. Arculli said that he wished to bring to the attention of the Court the point that the appeal had been improperly brought.

He said that the application for the stated case was made on Oct. 3, 1947, three weeks after the judgment had been given by the Magistrate on Sept. 17, 1947. The application was therefore out of time.

Under Section 100 of the Magistrate's Ordinance, it was provided that within seven clear

"Out Of Time"

The application in the present case was made out of time and granted by the Magistrate, who went further in his stated case, as he gave his reasons in para. 7.

Section 100 of the Magistrate's Ordinance was mandatory. It was quite clear that there was no provision under the Ordinance whereby any Magistrate could extend the time for the making of an application for a stated case.

Mr. Arculli submitted that Magistrates had no power to extend the time, otherwise there would be appeals at any time after the hearing of a case, whereby circumstances had changed, witnesses had gone away and other matters of a similar nature had taken place.

After referring to two authorities in support of his contention, Mr. Arculli said that the Court had no jurisdiction to hear the appeal because it had been brought out of time. He asked that such appeal be dismissed.

Mr. Lossby, in his reply, referred to Section 99 (6) of the Magistrate's Ordinance and said that the Section was curiously worded in that it provided that a Magistrate might, on his own initiative, review his decision or grant an application for a review and that it should be lawful for him upon the review, to re-hear the case wholly or in part and to take fresh evidence and to revise, vary or confirm his previous decision.

Astonishing

Mr. Lossby said that the Magistrate had re-opened the matter on his own initiative and it was not a case where the

Magistrate had refused to state a case. On the contrary, he did in fact state a case.

The decision of the Magistrate was rather astonishing in that he had decided that a man could, merely by changing his religion and without any intervention of the Courts, divorce his wife.

Dealing with the re-opening of the case by the Magistrate, Mr. Lossby said that it might have been in the hands of probability that the Magistrate was turning the matter over in his mind and that he was rather troubled and rather anxious to do his utmost to be sure that he was right in the matter.

It was not set forth in the case stated the time at which the Magistrate decided to re-view the matter, but the presumption was that he came to that decision within the right period of time and that the matter was not finally determined until Oct. 3.

As to whether the Magistrate was within his rights and within his powers in going into the important question of domicile, Mr. Lossby submitted that the Magistrate was right.

The appeal was brought mainly in the public interest in order that a certain matter of great importance to the public, and to women in particular, might be judicially determined. It would be a great misfortune even if the Court reserved consideration of the question of jurisdiction.

"Irregular"

What was wanted was a judicial determination as to what was the law in Hong Kong upon this particular point. It was mainly due to the Hong Kong Council of Women that the matter was before the Court.

Mr. Arculli said that the Magistrate was quite clear in para. 1 of the stated case that the application was determined on Sept. 17, but did not attempt to explain the hiatus between Sept. 17 and Oct. 3.

It was presumed that the Magistrate had come to the conclusion that nothing could be done under the Separation and Maintenance Ordinance and that the only remedy left for the children of the appellant was under the "Infants Custody Ordinance." That was the sole reason why the Magistrate had the parties before him. There was no reference at all that there was any question of review of the judgment.

Mr. Arculli said that he appeared for the respondent in the Court below and if he had been given notice regarding the re-opening of the proceedings, he would have objected because it was irregular and could not be allowed by the Magistrate.

Judgment

Answering a question by Mr. Justice Williams as to why the Magistrate had gone into the question of domicile, Mr. Arculli said that he presumed that the latter went into it only to satisfy himself in an academic sense.

After a short adjournment, judgment was delivered in the following terms:

"This is an appeal from the decision of a magistrate by way of a case stated. As regards such appeal, the appellant is required, under Section 100 of the Magistrate's Ordinance of 1932, to apply in writing within 7 days after the determination.

"The authorities are clear on the point that this is mandatory. The appellant gave notice within 7 days of Oct. 3, but not within 7 days of Sept. 17.

"The Magistrate gave his decision on the issue before him on Sept. 17, which was under Ordinance No. 49 of 1935 (Separation and Maintenance Ordinance).

"The next entry on the record is one dealing with a different Ordinance—the Infants Custody Ordinance No. 1935—on Oct. 3. There is nothing in the record to show he had then re-opened the case determined under Ordinance No. 49 of 1935.

Women's Council Statement

"Under Section 99 (6) of the Magistrate's Ordinance of 1935, the Magistrate has power within 7 clear days after determination to re-open a case. In the opinion of the Court, that means he must take some steps within the period towards re-opening the case, such as notification to the parties concerned or making an entry on the record.

"In this case, the magistrate did nothing of this nature within the period stipulated. By taking evidence of domicile on Oct. 3, he appears to have had the previous matter in mind but he had no power at that time to re-open the case (or, in his own words, to extend the proceedings) even if he so desired.

"For those reasons, the Court holds with regret that it has no jurisdiction to hear the appeal. The appeal is therefore dismissed with costs."

The H. K. Council of Women later issued a statement expressing disappointment that appeal was not allowed.

They are aware, says the statement, that they are unable to do anything further to help this unfortunate woman to obtain a further hearing, as the law stands, but they are not prepared to let the matter rest there.

"Consultations will be held to decide what suitable further steps can be taken for the protection of women in any future similar case."

HENNESSY ROAD ROBBERY

Six robbers, four armed with revolvers and two with daggers, gained entrance to the ground floor of 439, Hennessy Road, at 4 a.m. yesterday.

After a thorough search of the premises for nearly two hours the robbers left with \$1,400 in loot.

ROTARY FORMED IN KOWLOON

Yesterday was a red-letter day for Hong Kong Rotary when the President announced at its weekly luncheon that a new body had been formed.

Kowloon had initiated a club of its own, with an initial membership of 22, and will hold its inaugural meeting at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday, Feb. 6, at 12.30 p.m.

Mr. F. C. Clemons, leading organizer and prospective President of the new club, yesterday thanked the Hong Kong Rotary Club for its sponsorship, and invited all Rotarians to the inaugural meeting.

District Governor Dr. Li Shun-tan gave some fatherly advice to the future members of the new club, who were present at the luncheon yesterday. Hong Kong was a proud foster father, said Dr. Li, who had been looking forward to this happy event for the last two years.

Two new members were inducted into Rotary yesterday. They were Mr. D. L. Davey and Mr. T. Y. Tung.

A welcome back to Hong Kong was extended to Rotarian Chey, who brought back greetings from the Rotary Clubs of London, Manchester, Bradford, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Paris and Brussels. The Hong Kong Rotary flag was presented by him to London, Edinburgh, Brussels and Paris, and he brought back the flags of Manchester and Brussels.

The meeting moved to the

Rotarians on the death of Gandhi.

Owing to preoccupation of other business the recording of Donald McCullough's talk on the "Early Days of the Brains Trust" had to be called off.

Rotarians were asked to listen in to ZBW for a broadcast of the recording on Wednesday next, Feb. 11.

Only visiting Rotarian yesterday was Joseph Yu from Canton; but there was an unusually large number of guests who, besides the new members of the Kowloon Club, included Australian Trade Commissioner R. Hazard, Dr. N. Bercovitz and Messrs. K. C. Cheng, R. J. Porter, S. Hawken and G. Frenkel.

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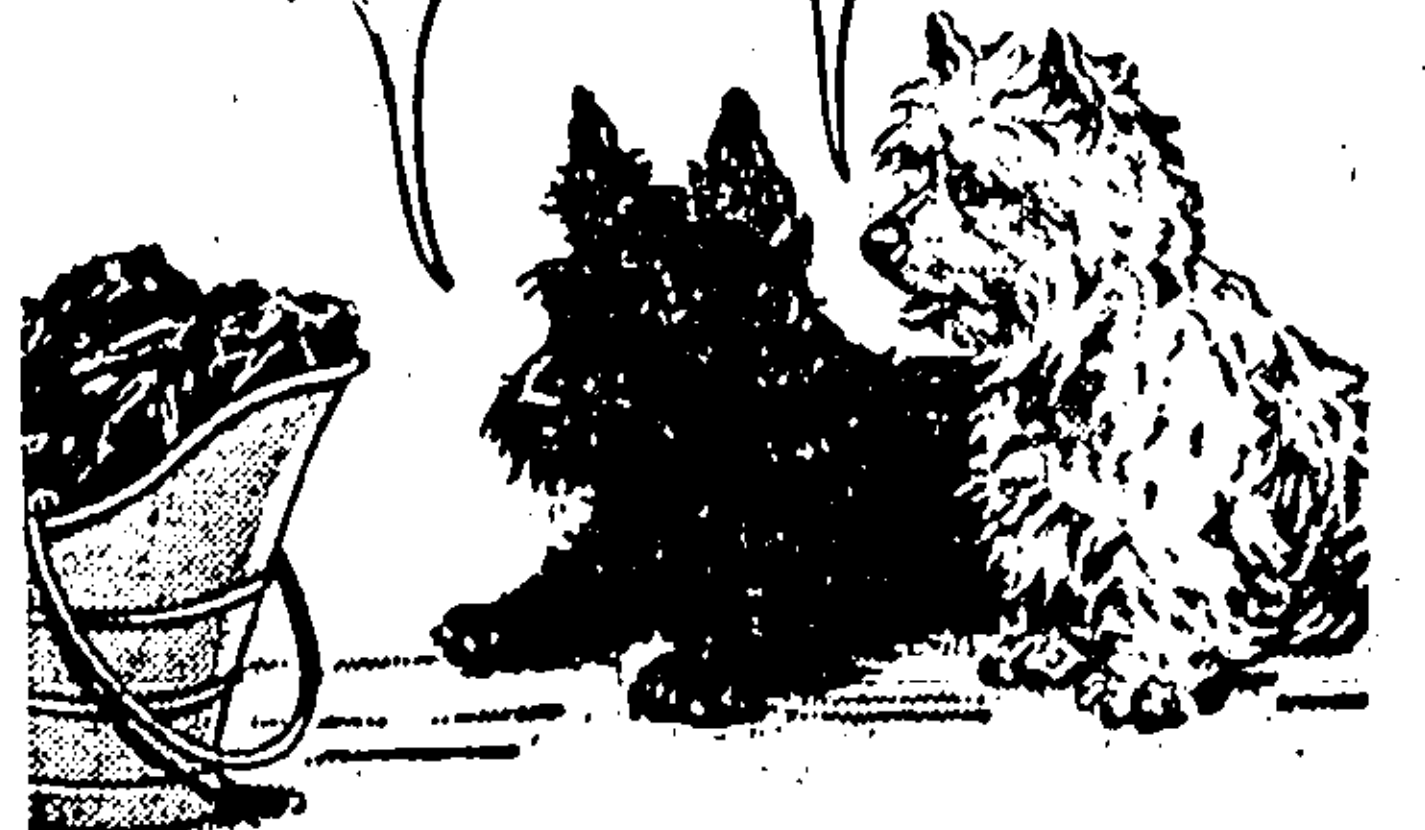
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Paul Vechnevsky and Jacob Rubinoff, Russians, Ivan George Mehia, born in Calcutta of Rumanian parents, and Lenold Petrovitch, a Yugoslav, were charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Control Magistracy yesterday with swindling shop keepers and stealing \$50 from Rev. Lee Kau-yau.

Vechnevsky, who pleaded guilty to five charges, was sentenced to 20 months. Rubinoff, guilty to three charges, to 19 months. Mehia to 12 months on one charge and Petrovitch to 20 months.

The charges against them were that on Jan. 27 they stole \$200 from the Tajmahal Silk Store, \$50 from Rev. Lee Kau-yau of the All Saints Church Jan. 26, \$450 from the shopkeeper at No. 81 Hollywood Road on Jan. 25, \$40 from Wong Wai-fun of No. 19 Boundary Street, \$400 from Lo Kiu-at No. 39 Togo King street on Jan. 13, \$700 from Wong Wai-kun at Queen's Road Central and \$85 from Wong Shu-hing at No. 49 Heung To Road, Aberdeen, on Nov. 11.

From Canton

Inspector Cashman said that the thefts started on Nov. 11, and since then the accused, severally or individually, had victimised shopkeepers in practically every district of the Colony.

Accused were residents of Canton and came to Hong Kong every two or three days during which time they committed the thefts. The amount stolen according to complainants was about \$7,000. Accused had no fixed abode and were not allowed in any hotel as they had no luggage.

First accused was arrested on Jan. 27 in Wanchai by a Chinese detective, he had been previously arrested on suspicion but was released as nothing was known against him then. The other accused were recognised by a complainant and arrested at the Jordan Ferry wharf.

Much Trouble

Their activities in the Colony had been the source of considerable trouble to the public and the Police.

General Wu Visiting South

General Wu Teh-chen, Secretary-General of the Kuomintang and Vice-President of the Legislative Yuan, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday morning from Shanghai. Following a 40-minute rest at Kai Tak, General Wu boarded the same plane and left for Canton.

General Wu is on an inspection tour of Kuomintang work in South China and is at the same time taking an opportunity to visit his native place in Chungshan district.

More than 100 Chinese organization representatives, official and private, were at the airport to greet the former Mayor of Shanghai and Governor of Kwangtung.

Talking to the Press at Kai Tak, General Wu said: "I left Hong Kong in March, 1941. My present visit here is the first since the end of the war. I have also been away from my home in Chungshan for many years."

"I am on my way home to see my people. That's the only reason for my visit to South China. I plan to fly back to Nanking after a week."

Among those at the airport to greet General Wu were Mr. T.W. Kwok, Special Commissioner (Foreign Affairs), Kwong-tung-Kwong, and Mr. Li Tachung, Director of the Kuomintang Bureau for Hong Kong and Macao.

Personalia

Peninsula Hotel arrivals—R.A. Eckford and Brig. and Mrs. C.S. Birch.

Peninsula departures—T. Rex, Crank, F.L. McGuire, J.P.E. Penman, T.M.T. Moore, Mrs. C.J. Muller, Keet, Mrs. S. Ketel van Loon and R.B. Caudlin.

Mr. H. L. Schultz, formerly well-known in Hong Kong, later director of Standard-Vacuum Oil Company, has just retired after 34 years of service.

Joining the Standard-Vacuum as a foreign service trainee in September 1911, Mr. Schultz spent about 30 years in the Far East before returning to New York to become a director in December 1941, and vice-president in January 1944.

Mr. Schultz's first assignment was as marketing assistant in the Singapore office. He became assistant general manager at Hong Kong for the South China Division in 1926, and general manager at Hong Kong in 1931.

Mr. Schultz and his wife will soon make their permanent home in Hillsborough, California.

CHEMICAL SHOP FIRE

Considerable excitement was caused at about 4 p.m. yesterday when a small fire broke out in one of the shops in Tung Man Street, a small side street near the Central Market where nearly all the shops carry stores of chemicals for sale.

Large crowds collected at both ends of the street expecting to see a big conflagration, but they were disappointed when prompt action by the Fire Brigade put the fire out before it could do much damage.

Police Powers To Suspend Car Driver's Licence

The wide powers conferred on the Commissioner of Police under Regulation 2 of Ordinance 40 of 1912 (Vol. II) to suspend a driver's licence and to take a public vehicle off the road were commented upon by Mr. F. H. Loseby at Kowloon yesterday.

Mr. Loseby was appearing for Wong Tse, driver of taxi 4774, summonsed for failing to proceed to an appropriate public stand immediately after discharging his passengers.

It was alleged by the prosecution (conducted by Inspector J. Scrim) that defendant discharged some passengers at the Star Ferry at 5.45 p.m. on Dec. 29. Instead of proceeding to the appropriate public stand, defendant parked his cab outside the white lines of the public bus kerb near the wharf.

Mr. Loseby submitted that his client did return to an appropriate public stand "forthwith" in that he took his cab to the taxi stand near the wharf.

Park Full

Finding the park full, and realising that the front taxi would be moving off in anything up to a minute, defendant decided to wait for his turn to move in, instead of driving to Canton Road, about two minutes' drive away.

When Mr. Latimer remarked that defendant appeared to have committed a technical offence, Mr. Loseby drew the Magistrate's attention to regulation 2 of the Traffic Ordinance.

He said that under that Regulation, the Commissioner of Police has full powers to suspend a driver's licence, or take a public vehicle off the road, not only upon a third conviction but also upon issuance of a third warning letter.

Technical

As a matter of fact, said Mr. Loseby, seven taxi belonging to his clients (the Blue Taxicab Co.) had been taken off the road. In some cases, neither the owners nor the driver had been before the Court, but had simply been the recipients of warning letters.

Stating that he considered defendant's offence was merely a technical one which should not carry with it the severe penalty of suspension, Mr. Latimer adjourned the summons sine die for further consideration.

Macao's Natty Bus Conductors

Macao, Feb. 2. Macao has just inaugurated its first post-war city bus service with a fleet of six large Ford vehicles, each with capacity for twenty eight passengers. An additional fleet is being put on the run in the early future when buses will be available all round the peninsula.

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SUSPENSION OF LICENCE

Jackson Chan, sales Manager, residing at No. 114 Caine Road, had his licence suspended by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday for 12 months for driving a motor car while under the influence of drink. He was also fined \$350.

Inspector MacIntyre, who prosecuted, said that accused was seen driving in Hollywood Road near Old Bailey and did not have proper control of the car.

Defendant admitted the charge.

Because of the Chinese New Year observance, there will be no Y's Mens' Meeting until February 26 when the yearly General Meeting will be held at 7.00 p.m. at the Catholic Club, 6 Queen's Road. Dinner will be provided.



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2. Tenders are invited for monthly rentals for the right to occupy certain areas on the following benches and to erect tents thereon for hire to the public by the hour or by the day for the period 15th April, 1948, to 14th November, 1948:—

Bench	Approximate area of site	Approximate No. of Tents
Repulse Bay (Main Beach)	Site A—13,000 sq. ft.	50
	Site B—10,000 sq. ft.	40
Stanley (Main Beach, Tytan Bay)	Site A—7,000 sq. ft.	30
	Site B—5,000 sq. ft.	20
Island Bay (Shick O)	Whole Beach	75
Big Wave Bay	Whole Beach	50

Plans of the above benches, showing these sites, may be seen in the office of the Secretary, Urban Council.

3. Tents must be of an approved type, dimensions not less than 7 feet long, 7 feet wide, 7 feet high, with an awning in front at least 5 feet long.

4. Each tent to be provided with table, two deck chairs, grass mat and fresh water (if available) at no extra cost.

5. The following maximum charges to be paid by the public will be allowed for the hire of tents:—

	Repulse Bay and Stanley	Island Bay and Big Wave Bay
For a period not exceeding two hours	\$2.00	\$3.00
Exceeding 2 hrs. but not exceeding 3 hrs.	3.00	4.00
" 3 " " " " " " " " " "	4.00	5.00
" 4 " " " " " " " " " "	5.00	6.00
" 5 " " " " " " " " " "	7.00	8.00

6. The tender price should include the provision of a tent for the permanent use of the Government Bench Overseer and/or Inspector.

7. No tender will be considered, unless the person tendering attaches thereto a receipt to the effect that he has deposited with the Treasury, Prince's Building, the sum of \$250.00 as a deposit of the bona fide of his tender, which sum shall be forfeited to the Government if such person fails or refuses to carry out his tender, should such tender be accepted. Deposits will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers.

8. The successful tenderer will be required to sign a formal contract containing conditions to be prescribed by the Urban Council, and also to deposit with the Treasury a sum equivalent to one month's rent as security for the due fulfillment of the contract.

9. For full particulars and form of tender apply at the office of the Secretary, Urban Council, Post Office Building, 1st floor.

10. The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

11. During the period of the contract no other person will be allowed to erect tents on any of the above benches.

R. W. H. MAYNARD,
Secretary, Urban Council.

10th January, 1948.

HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION URGENT NOTICE

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF LAI DUCK KENT alias LAI TAK KAM, (黎德勤)
late of Bloedel, in the Province of British Columbia, Canada, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 68 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 27th day of February, 1948.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 31st day of January, 1948.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

In the Goods of Geoffrey Newhouse late of 7 Albion Terrace, Kowloon Docks, Kowloon in the Colony of Hong Kong, Private Hong Kong Volunteer Defence, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 68 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to 22nd day of February, 1948.

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F. W. Dunhill,
Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE

TENDERS

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Forms of Tender may be had on application to the Surveyor of Works, C.R.E., Hong Kong, "A" and "B" Blocks, Queen's Road East, Hong Kong.

Application must be made before 5.00 p.m. Friday the 6th February.

Tenders are to be delivered by 10.00 a.m. Friday, the 13th February.

POLICE NOTICE

Applications are called for from suitable candidates of any nationality who are locally domiciled to fill a number of vacancies in the local inspectors of the Hong Kong Police Force. Entrance will be by competitive examination and subject to being passed by the Selection Board. Successful candidates are on probation for a period of two years and commence as Grade II Probationary Sub-Inspector at a commencing salary of \$250 per month for the first two years rising to \$350 per month by three increments and subject to passing an efficiency bar. They are eligible for promotion to Grade I at a salary of from \$400 to \$800 per month subject to passing efficiency bars. A temporary high cost of living allowance is also payable of from \$220 to \$280 per month for Grade II and from \$305 to \$380 per month in Grade I. Married officers with a family being granted 100% of these amounts, married officers without a family, 80% and unmarried officers, 60%.

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- (6) Good eyesight without glasses.
- (7) They must possess an advanced knowledge of both written and spoken English and be able to speak it fluently.
- (8) A knowledge of other languages and dialects is an advantage, particularly a knowledge of Cantonese and Mandarin.
- (9) Preference will be given to British subjects by birth.

Applicants should apply at once to Chief Inspector, Police Headquarters, Oriental Building, Connaught Road, Central.

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Readers' Letters

A Lesson Unlearned?

Sir,—In view of the incursions of Chinese sovereignty of late into the realms of the Kowloon Railway Station and Kowloon City I am gratified to find the ideas I previously expressed backed up by such able publicists as Mr. H. G. Woodhead, C.B.E. and your well-known correspondent who writes under the nom-de-plume of "Flat Justitia," as well as other correspondents interested in the Colony's welfare, and one might also add, continued existence.

It is unfortunate that we have heard no further for some time of the projected Municipal Council in which such matters could be thoroughly discussed and public opinion be made officially articulate.

All this prodding and goading and usurpation of undue powers is strongly reminiscent of what went on in the early days of this Colony 100 years ago and seem to indicate that a four-thousand year old dragon does not change his scales overnight! Those who have lived in the Middle Kingdom many decades have come to one unanimous conclusion which is that its governments yield "nothing to reason and everything to force." It is a sad conclusion, reluctantly arrived at.

Every concession given in good faith is inevitably regarded as a sign of fear and weakness, and taken advantage of accordingly. We have had a hundred years to learn this lesson and yet this month we have a fresh agreement conceding unheard of powers of extrajurisdiction on this stiff-necked land adjoining our territories, whose officials, so obviously incompetent to mind their own business, are ever eager to mind ours.

The horde of Chinese staff who will be required to carry out the new procedures on British soil and waters could have been equally well deployed in the otherside of the Border (though of course here they will not come into the recent conflicts they experienced with their gendarmes and military). To those across the way however this move is a matter of face rather than one of actual control over trade. China's crippled trade is effectively bound hand and foot by leading factional families and their feudal adherents. This point is regarded rather as another "nail in the coffin" of England's much talked of "imperialism!"

However, if we disregard all this and insist on learning over backwards for diplomatic reasons, and to save British shipping—if possible—from further molestation in Chinese ports by armed gangs etc., why not go the whole hog and also supply our own equal quota of competent non-corruptible British Customs officers to similarly assist their harassed Chinese colleagues in the various Chinese ports of call, airfields and railway stations?

Such a generous offer of mutual assistance could hardly be refused. (1) and then the question of "divvying up the loot" would not come into the matter as anything confiscated here would be ours and anything on Chinese soil, theirs.

The recent Sino-British Smuggling Pact, while mentioning fully search and inspection rights is delightfully vague as to who gets the Revenue from the results of combined searches in our territories.

Will, as now, Marina House, close, like a clam or what it grabs without legal recourse? If so, some interesting competition should result between both sets of Customs officers and their "stool-pigeons" over both seizures and rewards! One wonders whether both will be armed. Also interesting questions may arise over the foreign exchange and gold bullion seized here by our neighbours' forces. Will it be converted into Chinese currency for them by a British "authorised" bank? Will Marina house pay business taxes, and will the large rewards paid their informants be taxable, names being accessible to our own Inland Revenue Dept.?

Possibly a solution of Solomon would be to move the Marina House organisation lock, stock, and barrel to Kowloon City where the Chinese flag could then fly gallantly over the recently evacuated site of contention.

TAELS WE LOSE.

Not British

Sir,—Your correspondent T.B., like Miss Loretta Young, the celebrated film star, certainly lives in a world of "Make Believe." Starvation in England—utter hell—I left U.K. less than 6 months ago, my wife and son left about 3 months ago, I certainly did not notice any signs of starvation and I must say my family seemed quite fit, certainly no signs of malnutrition.

With regard to the working class, perhaps T.B. you are not aware of factory canters where a worker can obtain a good wholesome meal at a very low price shop workers at large stores also have their own canteens, school children can also obtain a good wholesome meal for fourpence, also there is a free

issue of milk, for the younger children, free orange juice, free cod liver oil, priority for milk etc.

We would all like a nice juicy steak, more butter etc., but we must not blind ourselves to the fact that we have been at war for seven years. I for one did not expect the world to be back to normal in a couple of years. I would suggest, T.B., that you are letting your dislike for the British Government blind you to actual facts. That in my opinion is not being British. Perhaps, of course, you are not British, so there is an excuse.

C.H. LLOYD.

Collaborators.

Sir,—Long You's disclaimer that he personally removed the statue of Queen Victoria for the Japanese, reminds me of another episode. During the days of Col. Noma's trial a vernacular paper reprinted some documents of the occupation days, for the sake of Crown evidence. The same journal reported, the same day, big events in which heroes figured as prominently as they were under the Mikado.

"It can't happen here," some readers cried. "No, they are different persons," replied others. "Well, they were our underground agents," others said. And that settled the polemics.

It appears that almost all controversies over collaboration and war crimes can be viewed now from the above statements. It is simply too bad for those who cannot forget and forgive, though some go as far as to claim that those who are in ought to be out, and vice versa. The government has ordered an amnesty and that cannot be withdrawn. There are good reasons.

Our government's leniency towards those who made good during the Japanese days is subject of course to question. Here then we are not alone. See what is taking place in Manila and Bangkok.

And in Japan. General Douglas MacArthur and his government are trying hard to rearm our enemies who butchered American pilots, civilians and American prisoners of war. They have forgotten Pearl Harbour.

Retributive justice has sometimes been seen. But on the whole the Goddess of revenge and Nemesis seldom act.

In short, those who suffered under the enemy and their henchmen ought not to expect too much under present circumstances.

To prove my thesis, I can point out you that the more letters you publish against certain measures, the more the authorities would act to the contrary.

As such, the eighty five tons of gold seized and confiscated by Chinese Maritime Customs in the heart of British territory would be condoned.

This state of affairs also accounts for the repetition of revolutions and reform movements. But after all, human beings are born selfish, in spite of the fact that we occasionally find upright and patriotic people.

HU LI-TU.

Sir,—Ex-Serviceman's reasons

for not disclosing his real identity have our sympathies. But they do not convince us of his criticism of Mr. Pearson's original attack on those who felt sorry for defenders of war criminals, who disregarded even the elementary concepts of humanity and public law. Mr. Pearson, with whom I and many who suffered in the hands of these barbarous lawbreakers would heartily concur, rightly spoke on our behalf our protest to the favourable treatment accorded to the war criminals and their henchmen and headmen, and their attorneys-at-law while profligate workers and their families are left behind.

Having travelled around the world about half a dozen times, and earned my living in this Colony over thirteen years, I can say that, from what I read, Mr. Pearson knows what he is talking about. And he is neither young nor partial in his judgment and experience. If his sentiment and attitude are followed, the world will not suffer again the atrocities and destructions just passed. Our Christian ideal of loving the enemy applies only to those who act in the Christian spirit of love. Retribution should be resorted to, not only as a means of punishment, but also as a deterrent and education.

I do not know what Ex-Serviceman's war work was, nor do I want to underestimate his importance, although under his nom-de-plume he may enlighten us with his illustrious citations and battle achievements, which may justify his demand for leniency toward the war criminals, their collaborators and their defending lawyers.

The world is drifting to another catastrophe, if the wrong

of the past is not righted, and even justified, what are we going to tell the future warriors to fight for? It would be incredible if Ex-Servicemen were risking his life for the welfare of his enemy and his country's counsel, and not for his comrades-in-arms or their co-workers and families.

I John Mr. Pearson in condemning poison-pen strategy. If those, without Ex-Serviceman's good reasons, or real reasons, still refuse to reveal their glorious names and titles, and continue to tense and be sarcastic at the expense of those who suffered in the allied cause, they must be presumed as the fifth columnists left by the Mikado's loyal servants. They better wait a while. General MacArthur is arming the Japanese against any sensible advice.

GEORGE CALLINCOS.

Referees

Sir,—The appointment of the referee to the Hong Kong-Shanghai Interport game on the Chinese New Year day does not appear to be popular among a good many followers of soccer in the Colony. The claim that this referee has had his third season in local football and has handled many difficult games is not based on sound grounds. Quite a good number of referees, Class 1 referees, who have had more than 15 years in local football and have handled far many more difficult matches than this comparatively new comer to local football.

These experienced and fully qualified Class 1 referees who obviously have been totally ignored,—for what particular reasons, not one, except perhaps the H.K.A., seems to understand. All keen supporters of football here can still remember this particular referee together with 3 others walked out of the Football Association during the later part of last season when their services as referees were badly needed. Now their "good" services are being the high honours of taking charge of the big games in the Interport series. Isn't it funny!

SOCCERITE.

Disclaimer

Sir,—I wish to disclaim that I was the Sikh Court Interpreter who commented on the death of Mahatma Gandhi as mentioned in column 2 of page 3 of your paper dated Feb. 1, 1948.

PURAN SINGH.

ASSAULT ON WOMAN

For assaulting a female, Chan Mei, at 8 p.m. on Jan. 29 near Amoy Street Au Weung-chau, aged 21, unemployed was sentenced to nine months' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

S.I. Coles said that defendant was seen to kick complainant, and was arrested by a detective. Defendant admitted that with two others they had planned to extort money from women. The first man was to strike defendant. He was to kick her and the third was to arrive and pretend to assist her and demand money from her.

APPLICATIONS TURNED DOWN

Two applications for food-shop licences were rejected by the Urban Council at its fortnightly meeting yesterday.

The lighting and ventilation of the premises of one applicant were considered inadequate while the premises of the second applicant were said to be unsuitable. They were being used for domestic purposes.

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THREAT TO HUMAN SOCIETY World Population Increase As Great A Danger As The Atomic Bomb Warning By Sir John Boyd Orr

Cairo, Feb. 2.
The increase in the world's population and the decrease in fertile land were "as great a threat to human society as the atomic bomb," Sir John Boyd Orr, Chairman of the United Nations Food Council, warned today.

Opening the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation Near East Regional Conference here, he said that the world population had increased by more than 100,000,000 since the beginning of the war.

"Our civilisation will become extinct unless nations can learn wisdom and begin to apply the great powers of modern science more and more to develop the

earth's resources to provide food and full life for the peoples of all countries and less and less for the production of fendish weapons of destruction in preparation for another war," Sir John declared.

Sir John said he hoped the Conference would be able to outline in general terms a long-range development programme for the Near East.

"Additionally, I hope the Conference will be able to recommend three or four definite concrete measures, such as the irrigation of a few thousand acres which can be carried out in 1948," he said.

Sir John said he hoped that by 1949, there would be a demonstration of the possibilities of the development of the Near East region.

"Such is the great opportunity before the Near East countries; such is the responsibility not only to the countries represented here, but to all the countries of the world," he added.

Premier Present

King Farouk of Egypt was represented at the opening of the Conference, which was attended by the Egyptian Premier, Nokrashy Pasha, and his Cabinet Ministers, and the Secretary General of the Arab League, Azam Pasha, and many Arab diplomats.

After the formal inauguration of the Conference, to which the non-member states of Persia, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Yemen have been invited, in addition to the member states of Egypt, Ethiopia, Iraq, the Lebanon and Syria, delegates adjourned until Wednesday morning to await the arrival here of the Iraqi and Syrian delegations.—Reuter.

'Gallows, Not Fines'

Madrid, Feb. 2.
Students here demonstrated in the streets today in protest against a black market bread and flour scandal recently exposed in the Spanish capital, shouting "Gallows, not fines" for the black marketeers.

(The Spanish Cabinet on Saturday imposed fines totalling over 33 million pesetas against the manager of the flour pool and 14 other pool officials and bankers for illegal activities.)

The students called on the Ministers of Justice and Labour, who promised that "justice would be done."—Reuter.

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AND I FEEL HAPPY ABOUT LYDIA SHE'LL BE GROUNDING IN SCOTLAND, MILES AWAY FROM THE PERTINACIOUS STREAKY...

Sabotage

Paris, Feb. 2.
Railway officials today found a hand grenade under a rail of the Paris underground railway between the Opera and Pyramides stations, one of the busiest sections in the heart of Paris, after trains had been running for more than four hours.

The police have opened an inquiry.—Reuter.

New Film Protest Rejected

WASHINGTON, FEB. 3.
THE MOVIE SPOKESMAN, ERIC JOHNSTON, TODAY BRUSHED ASIDE A PROTEST FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP, INC., THAT THE FORTHCOMING HOLLYWOOD MOVIE, "IRON CURTAIN," WOULD IMPAIR SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

In a letter to Rev. William Howard Melish, chairman of the Council, Johnston said he not only rejected the protest, but "must question the motives of the Council."

He suggested that the group protest to Russia against efforts there "to instill contempt and hatred for Americans."

"The screen is free in America," said Johnston. "I am resisting and will continue to resist any attempt to dictate what appears or does not appear. To tamper in any way with the hard won, precious right of free speech would chip away the foundations of our democracy."

In 1944, the House of Representatives' Un-American Activities Committee listed the Council as a Communist front organization.—United Press.

Military Prisoners Escape

Harwich, Feb. 3.
Using fire extinguishers and life buoys as weapons, a dozen British military prisoners broke away here today from their escorts, fought their way off the leave ship, and escaped across the quayside to the fields beyond.

All but one were recaptured within two hours. Several of the men were injured. One jumped into the ship's Helmut and grabbed an axe. Another made for a concrete pill-box in front of the railway station but gave himself up after a rifle shot had been fired.

The men, who had been brought from Austria, came up on deck armed with iron bars and brown and knocked down a military policeman.

Five more military policemen tried to block the gangway but had to retreat before a hail of lifebuoys, fire extinguishers and lamps which the men threw from the ship.

They escaped across the quay, flailing a length of hopepipe about them.

Military reinforcements were rushed from neighbouring Colchester.—Reuter.

BUSINESS OFF

Washington, Feb. 3.
Business dropped off one to nine percent in 1947 for stores handling women's wear, shoes, furs, liquor, flowers and jewellery, the Commerce Department reported.

While total retail trade showed a 12 percent gain over 1946, the monthly summary of retail trade was spotted with lines having a drop in sale volume.—Associated Press.

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EXTRAORDINARY THREAT

The threat of linen traders in Northern Ireland to boycott Chinese merchants in Hong Kong, in other words, to prohibit linen sales to this part of the world, is such an astounding proposition that the first inclination is to doubt the accuracy of the report. Certainly, it is difficult to imagine, assuming the threat is serious, that Hong Kong will sit idly by awaiting developments and not make strong prior representations.

Quite obviously, the move has been recommended on the basis of an insufficient knowledge of the facts. Attention need be drawn only to the suggestion that the British Government impose a stricter control over Hong Kong exchange dealings, to indicate that the sponsors of the boycott proposal have been given an exaggerated idea of the scope for exchange manipulation in this Colony, and are totally unaware of the rigid regulations that are in force.

If nothing has been done to prevent (as opposed to "check") the black market in American dollars in Hong Kong, which alone can give the Hong Kong an "illegitimate" advantage over Belfast in world markets, it is either because no method of exercising complete control can be devised, or because the existing system ultimately is useful to the dollar pool. To put it at its lowest level, it does relieve the strain on the Colony's dollar resources and avoid entirely stifling private trading operations, as might occur were all traders compelled to apply for exchange at the official rate.

In any case, these are minor considerations beside the lesson which is to be drawn from the complaint. There must be something extremely wrong in Belfast, not in Hong Kong, if it is possible for Hong Kong merchants to buy their linen in Ulster, pay the freight to Hong Kong, process it here, re-export the manufactured article to the United States, and still undersell substantially sales direct from Ulster to New York.

There is, of course, nothing new in this trade. It happens that its volume is probably considerably less extensive than it was before the war, but that forms no part of the grievance. It also happens that the processing in Hong Kong and South China, whereby linen lengths are converted into finely embroidered handkerchiefs, table sets, and the like, produces a result which brings a ready sale at reasonable prices, not only in the United States but all parts of the world.

The art is in the workmanship, not the linen which forms the basic material. It is that which provides the attraction, and apparently the real source of grievance.

Time was, of course, when it might have been urged that the competitive quality of South China's embroidered products was attributable to cheap labour costs, but even that is no longer true to any appreciable extent.

Here is an industry which has built up a high reputation over generations. To discover now that under post-war conditions it is still efficient, and to resist its activities on that score, is strange indeed. The Chambers of Commerce can hardly take this one lying down.

A Women's Cause

The intervention of the Hong Kong Council of Women in a case heard in the Appeal Court yesterday is both interesting and encouraging. Legal obstacles made the effort useless, but that is beside the point.

The next time that a parallel case crops up, and a woman is in danger of being victimised by circumstances, action can be taken before it is too late.

More of such gestures in defence of the underdog, and we shall begin to think that there is some hope for this Colony's conscience yet.

Messrs. Attlee and Morrison, who usually trail at the foot of the third division in popularity contests here, are now being promoted.

Since both men reprimanded Russia the American attitude towards the Labour Government and Labour leaders has undergone a change.

Socialist theories are still anathema, of course, in this citadel of capitalism, but even the Union League Club (the American Carlton) is conceding that Britain's Cabinet Ministers have finally got the right idea about the Soviet.

This new American approach to our Socialist bosses is strange to behold, and it is born essentially out of fear of Russia, yet it looks as if it is here to stay.

Not only Democrats but Republicans too are conceding that British-type Socialism is not incompatible with American principles, particularly when both face a major threat from outside.

So, after two and a half years of distaste and distrust from the U.S. the Pinks in Whitehall and Westminster are being smiled on and waved at.

Wall-street is forcing itself to nod politely and the Middle West is essaying a wink. If more affectionate gestures are required, then all the Prime Minister and his colleagues need to do is again put the blast on the U.S.S.R. It is sure fire and cannot miss.

Plan Mixed In The Middle

There is also a growing belief that this country may have to do business with a Labour Britain for some time, certainly for the first year of the Marshall Plan.

Currently the famous plan is mixed in the middle, and the General's "give it or leave it" attitude to Congress is worrying his friends.

At the present rate of progress the dollars won't be delivered before Christmas.

This week the American public, after hearing so much about prosperity, suddenly felt the first faint chill of austerity.

Main shortage—and it doesn't hurt yet—is in oil, and people have been asked to cut their consumption of petrol, fuel oil, and gas by 15 per cent.

The present price of petrol is around 1s. a gallon, and you

can still tell garage attendants to fill her up and have your tank overflow. There is no rationing and the Government plan is for voluntary effort. It may work, but it didn't with food.

Exceptionally severe weather is adding to the fuel crisis, and for days now temperatures have been below 10deg. here in New York and we have had more snow, sleet, and biting winds.

Resentment Against Controls

The isolationists, a small but fierce band, are exploiting resentment against controls and are issuing curious statistics

which proclaim that production per worker in 25 industries, including steel, coal and textiles, is three to four times higher in America than in Britain. Maybe they forget they were never bombed.

And ex-President Hoover, speaking from the grim realism of Miami Beach, says: "It is a remarkable commentary on the free enterprise system that the U.S., Canada, Australia, and Argentina, containing only eight per cent of the world's population, are supplying 90 per cent of the food moving in world commerce." Well, it was a remarkable war.

These and other implications that Europe is lying down on the job must be annoying the Old World and I am glad to see several British people have written to American newspapers rejecting scornfully the suggestion that British people don't work as hard as Americans.

I also have received a great many letters during the past few days—almost all denying recent reports of growing anti-Americanism in Britain.

Neutral

Personally, the Diary is neutral in this fight. If Mickey Rooney, or any other headliner, can draw the crowds, then he is worth every pound or dollar the management pay him. I presume the Palladium isn't losing money on Mickey. However, the anger here illustrates prevailing ignorance in Hollywood of our dire need for dollars.

Leading stars are now receiving 1,000 dollars a day for every day they see the Press while in New York. So that explains the glut of Press conferences. Paulette Goddard collected several hundred pounds under this rule just before she left for England to work for Sir Alexander Korda.

Samuel Goldwyn's "The Bishop's Wife," which was screened at the Command Performance in London, is not making as much money as its producer anticipated, despite rave notices.

Many people, expecting a religious theme, have stayed away, so Goldwyn is experimenting with a new title, "Cary and the Bishop's Wife." Cary Grant is one of the stars.

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Believe me, it's much more profitable than playing for Z.B.W.

100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

About 20 minutes past 1 a.m., a fire was discovered in a wooden house at "Wanchai," under Seamen's Hospital hill.

The whole of the Artillery, Sappers and Miners, 95th Regiment, and Ceylon Rifle Regiment, turned out with three engines, and the fire was extinguished after burning down two houses.

It is supposed to have been the act of an incendiary, and a man is in custody on suspicion.

The following circumstance shows the singular apathy and want of feeling of the Chinese, or that the principle of "mind your own business" has been strongly inculcated on them.

A Chinese was seized and actually carried off the island about 5 o'clock in the evening by five men, in the presence of at least one hundred of his countrymen, who made no effort to rescue him.

A Police Constable saw the rowing-boat some distance from the shore, and urged the bystanders to assist him, in the pursuit, but their reply was "no business."

Queer Amusement.—A contemporary introduces a piece of poetry with these words:—"The following lines were written more than sixty years ago, by one who has, for many years, slept in his grave, merely for his own amusement."

THE AMERICAN SCENE

By the way, don't send any more letters to the old address, 230, West Forty-five-street. We move on Friday to 50, Rockefeller-plaza, New York City, into a spanking new skyscraper office run by the Associated Press.

What Peace?

The killings in Palestine are again occupying American minds and headlines, and the same old agitators are damning and blasting the British.

One charge made frequently by Zionist groups here is that we are "working night and day to sabotage the peace in Palestine" (New York Post). What peace?

We are being accused of collaborating with the Arabs to wreck the United Nations decision and taking no steps to prevent slaughter of the Jews. Is that so?

This offensive rubbish is Britain's reward for sending and keeping her men there to be shot at, bombed, hanged, and reviled. It is infuriating.

For the rest, there is a violent crusade in the Hearst newspapers against "women bar-bies, tossup mothers, and boozing wives" as the old publisher makes his last fling for circulation.

Along Broadway they say that some girls get drunk costs to keep them warm, others get them to keep quiet.

Hollywood's relations with Britain are slightly strained this week. Studios and stars have been rubbed the wrong way by the suggestions in London that visiting American actors are being overpaid for their appearances there.

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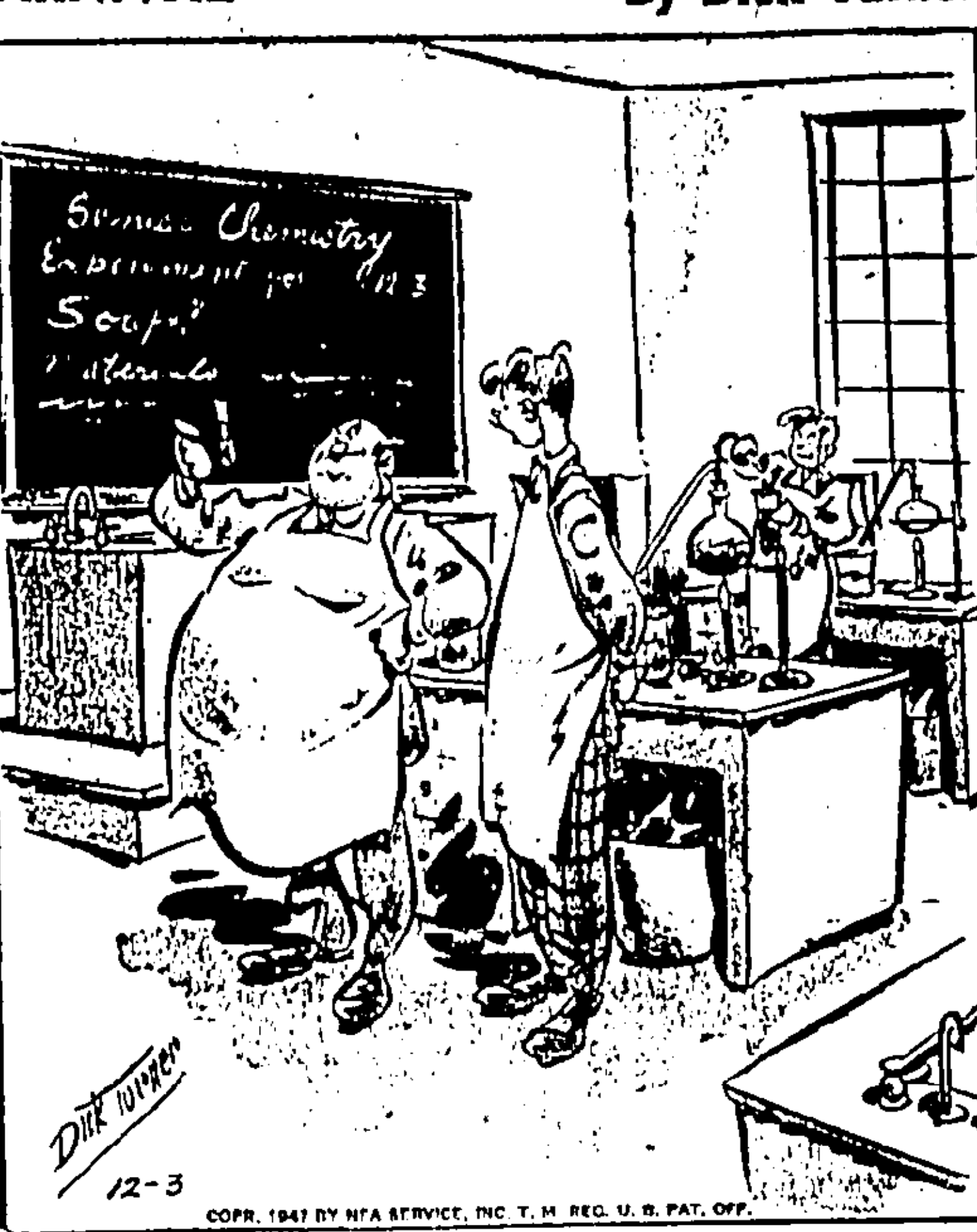
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CARNIVAL By Dick Turner



"Maybe my soap isn't the best ever made in this class. Prof. Clements, but put it with a sob serial and I betcha it would sell!"

Black Thursday In Australia By Arthur Morley

NEW SEER: Australia this week was discussing Ahmar Singh, an aged Indian who claims to be 114 years old, and a veteran of 18 wars.

Several weeks ago, he warned astronomers to expect a new comet in the south-western skies. Astonishingly, the comet appeared.

Really interested now, astronomers asked for further predictions. Ahmar Singh told them that seven sunspots would appear two minutes past midnight on Christmas Day.

South Australian Government Astronomer, Mr. G. F. Dodwell, found the sunspots there at the exact time specified.

Singh, who asked no monetary reward and seemed to shun publicity, explained to scientists that he had long had power of prophecy. He "just knew" in advance what would happen.

Among the things he "just knows" now are the following predictions:

World War Three has already begun in Palestine and will spread. America and Russia will begin fighting in three years.

The year 2,000 will see the world in ruins.

To tease astronomers, Singh says that next March there will be an aurora above the Milky Way. This will be invisible to the naked eye, he says, but well within reach of ordinary astronomers' telescopes.

NO SPIVS: For months the Australian public has been reading of the British "spiv" with his raffish dress and unproductive habits. This week the Australian Government statistician issued the results of his search for Australian spivs.

There aren't any. The entire population is working, except for 20,000 "voluntary unemployed." These aren't spivs, however, as they do not live on their wits in shady sporting or black-market dens.

They just don't see the point of working, and spend the best part of their days lounging in the sun on Australia's innumerable beaches.

The word Beachcomber has been applied to them.

BLACK THURSDAY: For Australian newspapers, January 1 was Black Thursday. The Government's newspaper cuts (official excuse: to have dollars) went into effect on that day and some metropolitan newspapers which formerly sprawled over 20 pages were cut down to six.

Several internationally-known broadsheet newspapers, notably The Sun (Sydney) and The Brisbane Telegraph, have adopted tabloid format to give the outward appearance of pages.

Demise in journalistic and mechanical staffs have been substantial in some cities. In Brisbane, a share-the-work scheme is under discussion whereby all staff-members will take one week off in ten, without pay.

This economy, it is hoped, should be sufficient to tide both management and men over until better times appear.

PAPER MONEY: Newsprint was still more precious on New Guinea than on the Australian mainland. Old newspapers are gradually replacing shells as native currency.

The natives learned the value of newspapers during the war, when, following the example of white troops, they used them to wrap cigarettes.

The exchange rate now is one-quarter sheet of newsprint for 3lbs of sweet potatoes, eight ears of corn, a bundle of firewood or a bunch of bananas.

Father's Day, a missionary, received a ton of goods for old newspapers from the Mount Hagen natives this week.

LESS WORK: The emigrants need have no fear of "sweat shop" conditions in their new

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY
"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

CARD-COUNTING MYSTIC

To the inexperienced kibitzer, some of the plays of veterans are unfathomable. That is often because they do not understand card-counting and are unable to follow the mental processes of the more experienced performers which show them that a particular play is marked as possible. Until its operation on a hand is explained to them, it is classed as mystic, in the realm of the supernatural.

S. 10 9
H. K. J 6 4 3
D. 7 3
C. K. 5 4

S. K 7 4
H. 10
D. Q 10 9
C. 6 5 2
C. 10 8

S. A Q 8
H. 5 2
D. A J
C. Q J 9 7 6

S. J 6 3
H. A Q 9 7 2
D. K 4
C. A 3 2

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)

South—West North—East
1 H Pass 2 H 2 S
3 H 3 S 4 H

Here we have four of the toughest rubber bridge players in St. Petersburg, Fla. In a dog-eat-dog combat, M. G. Murray, head of the local bridge league, was in the South, opposite Police Inspector Ike Mitchell, with Jones Hedrick, former state champion, in the West opposite Commander Sutherland, USN.

Seeing two losers in spades and surely one in diamonds after the heart 10 was led, Mr. Murray had to avoid one in clubs. He took the first trick with the heart A, led to the spade 3, which the Q won, watched the diamond A, win and took the second spade, which the Q won, watched the diamond J with his K. The spade 5 was won by the K, and West did not like to return either spades or partner.

Tomorrow's Problem.

S. J 6 5
H. Q 6 5
D. Q 10 9 6 3
C. A 10 7

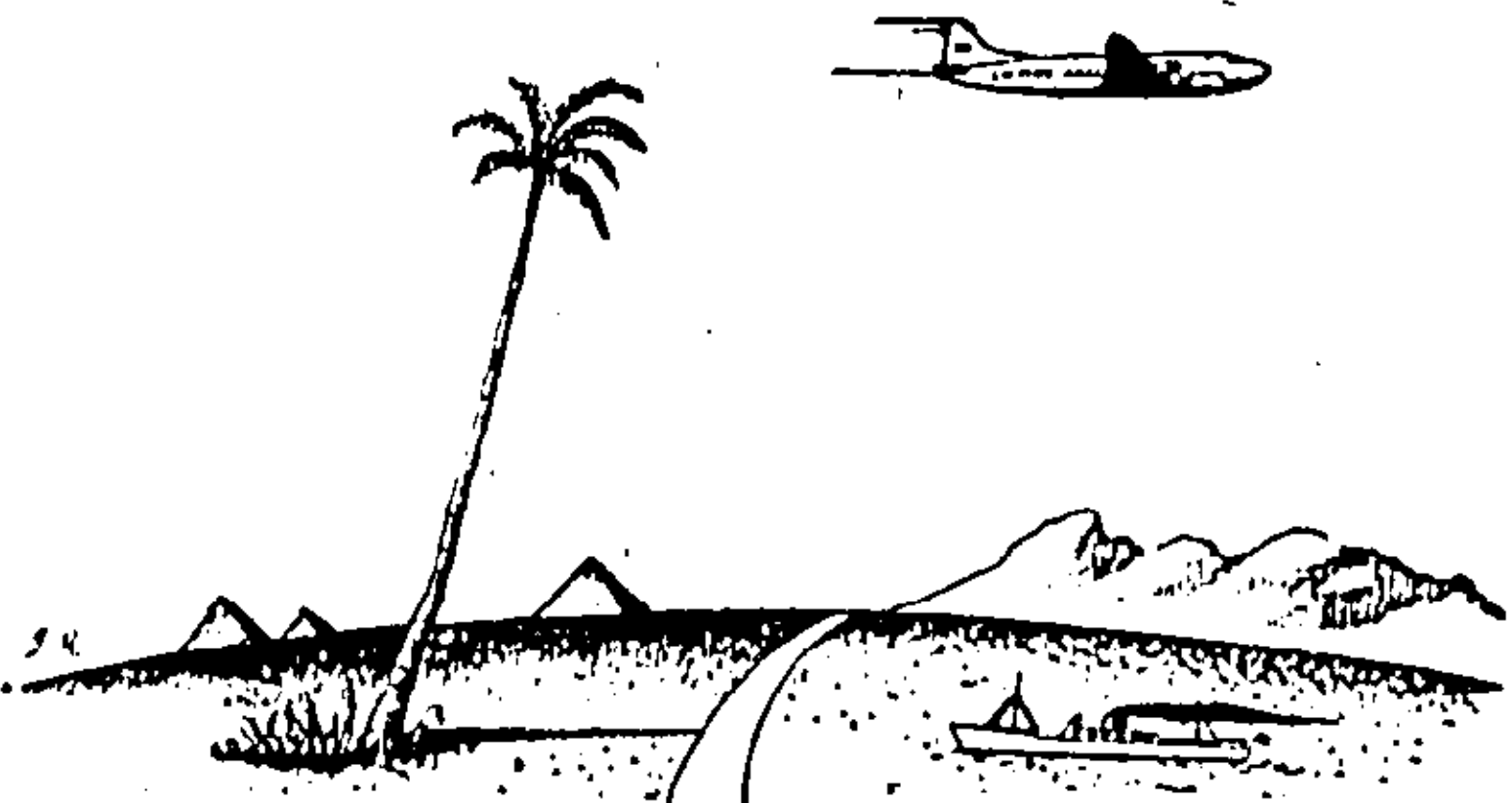
S. 10 9 5 4 3
H. None
D. A K J
C. 9 6 5

S. A K Q 7
H. K 10 4 3
D. 7 2
C. J 3

(Dealer: East. North-South vulnerable.)

If your opponents also bid both red suits, what would you as North lead against 1-spades, doubled by your partner?

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ORDER: 'PRIVATE ARMIES BANNED' Preaching Of Communal Hatred Banned By Government Of India Extremist Leaders Under Arrest

New Delhi, Feb. 2.

Private armies will not be allowed in India nor will any organisation preaching violence or communal hatred be tolerated, the Government of India announced in a Gazette Extraordinary today.

Although no organisations were named, the announcement was taken as a last warning to four communal bodies—Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (the militant Hindu volunteer organisation), Hindu Mahasabha (the Hindu communal organisation), Moslem National Guards and the Akali Sikh Party composed of extreme Nationalist Sikhs.

Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, Minister, the Deputy Premier, and Maulana Abul Kalam, the Education Minister, also told over 100,000 people attending a public meeting today that the Government was determined to put down communalism and lawlessness with a firm hand.

The Indian police today arrested leaders of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and the All-India Mahasabha, while reports from many parts of India told of "Revenge Gandhi" riots against Hindu extremists. V. G. Deshpande, General Secretary of the Mahasabha, will be detained for one month for alleged violation of the Punjab Safety Act. He was taken into custody yesterday and the Mahasabha office here was sealed and put under armed guard after the search.

The Choice

For the third day in succession, a complete halt—the closing of shops, schools, cinemas, restaurants and business generally—was observed in Old and New Delhi. The streets were quiet apart from occasional processions of young people carrying black flags of mourning.

The Socialist leader, Jai-prakash Narain, urged the Government to treat communalism as high treason, when he spoke to the public meeting at which Mr. Nehru said: "The choice before us is either to come to our senses or perish."

"If you are in favour of communalism, then say so and do not deceive me or yourselves, or above all, that great soul, Mahatma Gandhi."

Big Four To Meet Again?

Washington, Feb. 3.

The Secretary of State (Mr. George Marshall) today proposed that the deputies on Austria of the Big Four Council of Foreign Ministers reconvene in London about Feb. 20 to consider the Soviet proposals for settlement of German assets in Austria.

At the same time, he designated Samuel Reber, deputy director of the State Department's Office of Foreign Affairs, to be United States deputy at the forthcoming meeting.

The German assets issue has long blocked the final Austrian treaty because the Big Four have never been able to agree what are legitimate German assets, in contrast to those seized by the Nazis after taking over Austria.

Latest Soviet proposals include Soviet claims to many oil concessions for a period of 50 years.—United Press.

Italy

The deputy Foreign Ministers of Britain, America, Russia and France assembled here yesterday to continue discussions of the future of Italy's colonial empire. They must first decide what nations will be allowed to present their views on the colonies and arrange for hearings.—Associated Press.

MINISTER ARRESTED

Athens, Feb. 3.

John Peltakis, Minister of Merchant Marine in the Sophoulas Government of 1946, was arrested today and charged with attempting to smuggle gold into the country.

Customs authorities at Piraeus alleged that 100 gold sovereigns worth about £875 on the black market had been found on him and were not declared.—Associated Press.

"Those who are demanding the establishment of a Hindu State have killed the greatest of all Hindus, but let no one take revenge, because revenge is the very negation of what Mr. Gandhi taught."

Utter Shame

Mr. Nehru went on to say that the communalism of the Moslem League and the Hindu Mahasabha extremists had "done much mischief and created much distress in India and we cannot tolerate any longer the anti-national activities of any group."

Mr. Nehru told the Indian National Assembly of his "utter shame that we should have failed to protect the greatest treasure we possessed, as it has been our failure in past months to protect many innocent men, women and children."

From outside the Assembly as he spoke came shouts of "Wipe Out Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh!"—Reuter.

German Mark May Be Reorganised

Berlin, Feb. 3.

The reform of the German mark on a nationwide basis was discussed in a spirit of compromise by the four Allied military commanders during a 100-minute secret session after yesterday's Control Council meeting, Berlin political circles declared today.

General Lucius D. Clay, United States Military Governor, submitted a complete currency reform plan on behalf of America and Britain, while Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky, the Soviet Commander, presented another plan prepared by the Soviet Military Administration.

The plans showed marked differences. Russia claimed that the main financial burden of currency reform should be borne by the capitalist class and General Clay favoured equality of sacrifice by the entire population of 60,000,000.

Informed circles felt that the differences were no means insuperable and that many points of agreement could be reached by the Control Council.

Both sides, these circles said, appeared to realise the urgency of a country-wide reform for the mark and the chaos and hardship that would be created by unilateral action.

Conscious that this was the "one last chance" to solve the problem and that separate zonal reforms would help finally to split Germany and destroy four-power cooperation, neither the Eastern nor the Western representatives appeared yesterday to adhere too rigidly to their original plans.

Civil Rights In U.S.A.

Washington, Feb. 3.

President Truman today asked Congress for anti-lynching and fair employment practice laws.

He also urged other measures to preserve civil rights.

He submitted a 10-point programme, calling for a specific federal measure "to deal with the crime of lynching—against which I cannot speak too strongly," and recommending the establishment of a permanent commission on civil rights, a joint congressional committee on civil rights, and a civil rights commission in the Justice Department.—Associated Press.

"Him I Buy Long Time"

Liverpool, Feb. 2.

Low Hung, 55, and his wife, Low Lueise, 45, were fined £200 here today after pleading guilty to a currency charge.

Currency worth £153 had been seized.

The couple sold their laundry here in a hurry last week and did not have time to spend the money on a wedding present for their son in China before their scheduled departure for Hong Kong last Saturday.

Questioned about five sovereign pieces, specially struck for Queen Victoria's Jubilee, Low Hung said: "Him I buy long time."—Reuter.

"America's European Dictator"

Belgrade, Feb. 3.

The sixth issue of the official organ of the nine-nation Cominform said today in an editorial on a Western Union for Europe, that Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, planned to be "America's European Dictator."

"That is of course until the United States finds it necessary to replace him by an American general," added the editorial, written by a Czechoslovak Communist writer named Jan Marek.

The paper declared that the "protocol"—the alleged Communist plot to sabotage Ruhr economy—was a forgery.—Reuter.

America Needs New Oil-Fields

WASHINGTON, FEB. 2.

THE UNITED STATES MUST DO A BETTER JOB OF HOUSEKEEPING WITH ITS NATURAL RESOURCES OR IT WILL FIND ITS CUPBOARD BARE, MR. JULIUS KRUG, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, WARNED TODAY.

National security demands, he said in his annual report, that Americans reclaim more land, find more petroleum, save more coal and, in general, make better use of the things the nation has.

Americans must look ahead to the day when they will have a population of 155,000,000 to support—perhaps by 1960—and 165,000,000 mouths to feed by 1990.

About the fuel problem, the report said: "One of the greatest needs of the nation today is the discovery of new oil fields."

The depletion of high-grade coal reserves had progressed so far that many blast furnaces and coke plant operators had been obliged to seek new resources.

About 1,000,000 tons of coal could be saved in the mines of Western Pennsylvania by the installation of salvage plants.—Reuter.

Another Soviet Spy Scare

Washington, Feb. 3.

Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, wartime director of the Army's atom bomb project, said today that Russia was using the American Communists and "those on the third party ticket" to try to learn United States atom secrets.

Gen. Groves also told a news conference that the United States wanted an international agreement banning the use of atomic weapons but that the Russians had blocked action on this.

"Everybody in the United States realizes that but Henry Wallace," said Gen. Groves.

Asked if he thought Russia had the atom bomb, he said: "I'm not a bit worried."—United Press.

Reign Of Terror In Greece Today

Athens, Feb. 3.

Captain Albert Raymond Blackburn, British Labour Member of Parliament, said here tonight that "tens of thousands" of Greek villagers were today living under terror from bandits.

"I wish the people of Britain and other Democratic peoples could come here to see for themselves what is happening," Captain Blackburn told a press conference.

Captain Blackburn, who had paid a three-week visit to Epirus and other parts of Greece as guest of the Greek Government, said a 23-year-old bandit he questioned in the village of Kinitis, in the presence of a United States officer, told them they were Fascists, "and if ordered to do so he would cut off both their heads."

The same man, Captain Blackburn added, spontaneously confessed that he had beheaded six villagers and two women charged with giving information about bandits to Government troops.

He said he had no evidence of cruelties by the Government forces but he would not be surprised "if individual Nationalists whose wives have been abducted by the bandits did not from time to time wreak vengeance on the wrong-doers."

Such barbarities, if committed, were against all Government instructions, he said.

"The many captured bandits I saw made it clear they got arms and supplies from Albania in particular, and also from Yugoslavia and Bulgaria," he declared.—Reuter.

COMMUNIST SHOT DEAD

Rangoon, Feb. 3.

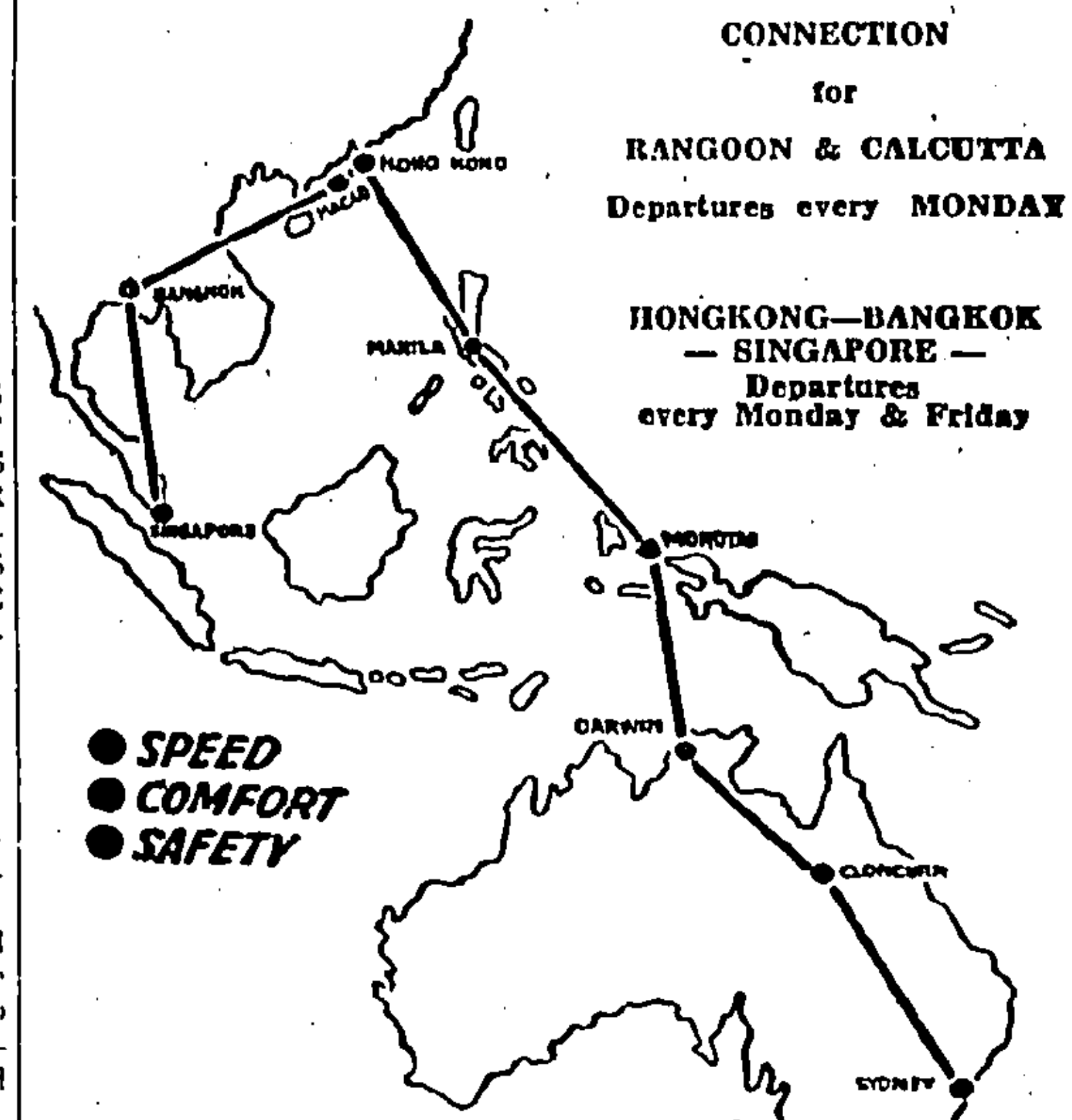
The Arakanese Communist leader, Saw Ral Than, was shot to death yesterday in a surprise attack on his hide-out. The Burma Rifles, who conducted the raid, announced that 45 guerrillas had surrendered up to Jan. 31.—Associated Press.

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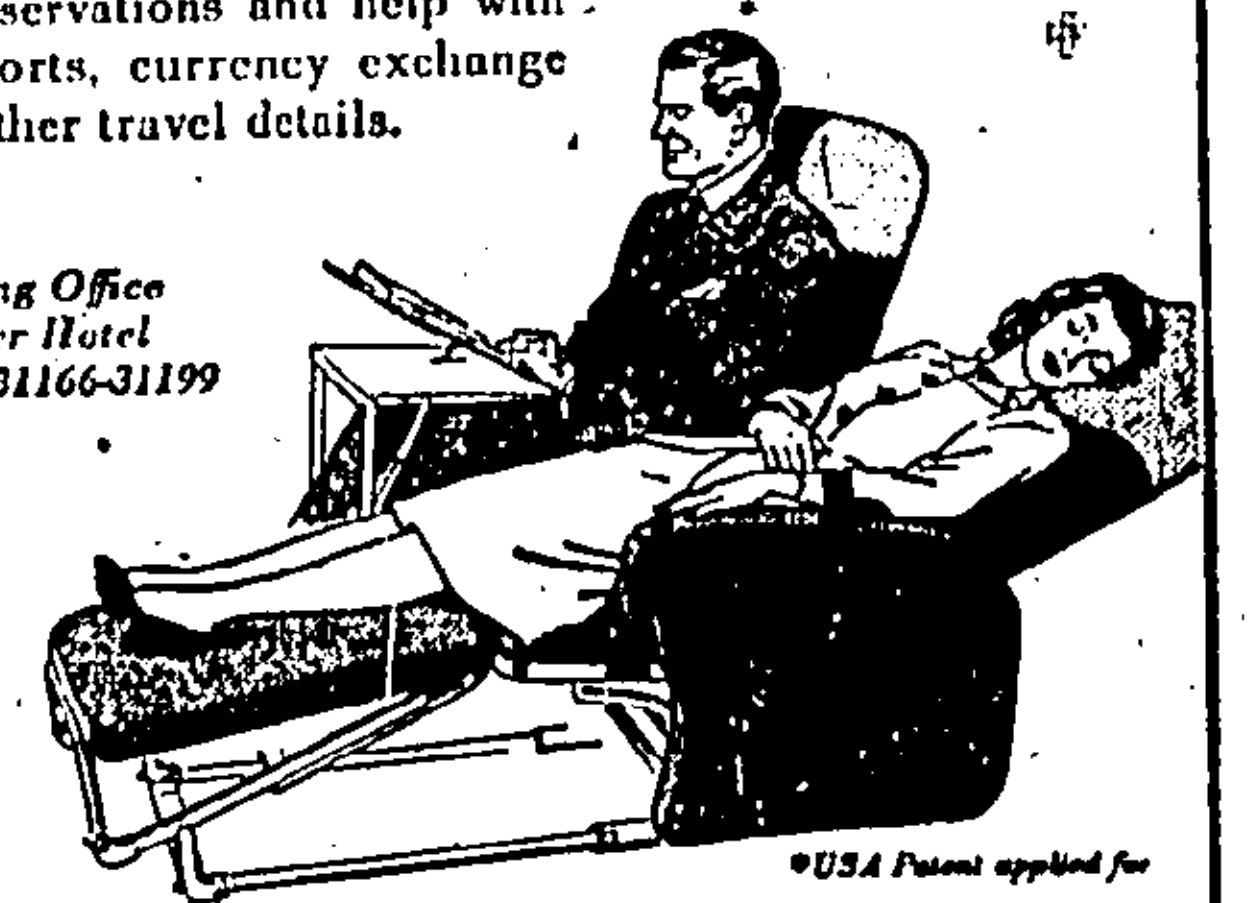
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SINGAPORE ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN MARCH

WIDE FRANCHISE: NO PROPERTY QUALIFICATIONS

London, Feb. 2.

Elections will be held in Singapore next March, the Governor-General of Malaya, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, announced today.

Mr. MacDonald, speaking at a press conference the day after the Federation of Malaya, which excludes Singapore, came into being, said that Singapore's new legislature would have many democratic features which would evolve steadily towards complete self-government.

The new constitution was "only the beginning of a process and not the end," Mr. MacDonald declared. The new Federal Government of Malaya was "very strong indeed," he said. It would be composed of 61 unofficial representatives and 14 official Government representatives.

The unofficial members would, in the first instance, be nominated by the High Commissioner, not elected. "This is a purely temporary provision. We are pledged to introduce the elections as soon as conditions permit," he went on.

Giving details of the new constitution for Singapore, the Governor-General said: "There will be a Governor with an Executive Council, and under them an all-important legislature. The legislature will have many democratic features which can evolve steadily towards complete self-government for Singapore."

Wide Franchise

"There will be 21 elected members—10 official, with 11 unofficial. Three will be elected by the Singapore Chamber of Commerce, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and the Indian Chamber of Commerce. The franchise will be very wide, for every man and woman over 21 years can vote. There is no literary or property qualification. The only qualification is that the voter shall be a British subject—which very large numbers of the population are."

Naturalisation was being made easy, Mr. MacDonald added. "I believe we are going to have the cooperation of the people of Malaya and Singapore generally as we go along the road towards the ideal of self-government. The constitution was not fixed for all time."

Steady Evolution

It was deliberately intended that—as in all countries where Britain had been responsible—for Government over a period—there should be a steady evolution of the constitution and amendments from time to time, so that there was an uninterrupted progress to complete self-government, he said.

"Criticism comes from two quarters—from the left wing and considerable sections of the Chinese community. The extreme left wing critics want self-government tomorrow, whereas the great majority support the steady evolution."

Mystery Fire In Train

Tientsin, Feb. 3.
Sixteen Chinese were injured in a third "mystery fire" in Peiping-Tientsin railroad stations in the past month.

Caused by an explosion, the fire destroyed a third-class passenger car five minutes after it broke out. The Police are still seeking persons responsible for two similar fires, one in Tientsin and one in Peiping.—United Press.

War Cache Found

Pretoria, Feb. 2.

Ammunition of German manufacture has been found on Marion Island, in the South Atlantic, where the South African flag was planted last month.

A radio message stated that empty 45 cartridge cases, stamped "Huttendorfer Nurnberg" were discovered.

The cartridge cases had apparently been lying in the open for some years and were discoloured by the weather.

German surface raiders operating in the South Atlantic during the war were believed to have used Marion Island as a refuge after being chased.

The island is one of the Prince Edward group, about 1,500 miles southeast of Capetown.—Reuter.

New ATS Commission Scheme

LONDON, FEB. 3.
A NEW SCHEME FOR WOMEN TO JOIN THE ATS TO TRAIN FOR COMMISSIONS IS ANNOUNCED BY THE WAR OFFICE.

The conditions are similar to those for entry into the RMA at Sandhurst.

Applicants must be aged over 18½ and possess a school certificate, standard or higher educational qualifications. They must also be recommended by the principal of their school or college or, if in civil employment, must have their employers' recommendation.

Candidates failing to reach the required standard during training may end their service if they wish but they must serve for two years as officers if commissioned.

The complete course will normally last about six months. The scheme involves no change in present arrangements for selection and training of potential officers from ranks of the ATS.—Reuter.

Malayans To Leave Australia

Sydney, Feb. 3.

The Australian Government has told 19 Malayans who have been working in Australia since the end of the war that they must sail on Wednesday by the troopship "Australia" (8,108 tons) for Japan, from where they will be repatriated to Singapore.

Many of them are married to Australian women but their wives have been refused permission to accompany them.

Mr. H. P. Johnson, Minister of the Interior, said in Canberra today that an investigation was being made into a statement made to have been made by the Lord Mayor of Perth, that the Malayans were in "virtual control" of the towns of Broome and Darwin.

Mr. Johnson said the allegation was contrary to his experience and he doubted its accuracy.—Reuter.

Nicosia, Feb. 2.

Special permission for 1,000 Jewish children to enter Palestine with their 2,000 parents this month, in addition to the fixed quota, is understood to have been given by the High Commissioner in Palestine, General Sir Alan Cunningham. They will sail in small batches tomorrow morning.—Reuter.

Syria's Case To Go Before The Hague

Damascus, Feb. 3.

Jamil Mardam Bey, the Syrian Premier, disclosed here today that France had agreed to Syria carrying her case in the Franco-Syrian dispute over Syria's refusal to sign a new monetary agreement with France to the International Court at The Hague.

At the same time, France had informed Syria that she would give her until March 6 to reconsider the French offer, the Premier added.

Speaking before reporters and businessmen, the Premier said that during the four-month financial negotiations between France, Syria and The Lebanon, France had agreed to economic concessions and had given Syria and The Lebanon until the end of January to accept.

The Lebanon had accepted the concessions, but Syria had refused.

Jamil Mardam Bey said that Syria could guarantee her currency better than the French would by limiting imports and encouraging exports.

The Syrian Government yesterday announced its decision to withdraw the Syrian pound from the "franc area" while The Lebanon announced on Saturday that it would sign a new monetary agreement with France.

The agreement signed between Britain and the French National Committee of Liberation in 1944 provided that the Syrian and Lebanese note circulation, covered in French francs, Treasury bonds and gold, should be guaranteed against any devaluation of the franc in relation to the pound sterling by the French Government.—Reuter.

NEW AIR SERVICE

Madrid, Feb. 3.

A new air service between Brussels, Bordeaux, Madrid, Lisbon and back, was inaugurated by Sabena, the Belgian air line, today.

Another Belgian air service is already operating between Brussels and Barcelona.—Reuter.

GLOUCESTER TO OPEN CEYLON PARLIAMENT

London, Feb. 2.

The Duke of Gloucester accompanied by the Duchess, will leave London by air on Thursday for Ceylon to open the first session of the Parliament of the newly created Dominion on behalf of the King.

The ceremony has been fixed for Feb. 10.

The Duke and Duchess will fly in the "Endavour", the York aircraft of the King's Flight, in which the Duke flew home from Australia last year, via Malta, Bahariya (near Baghdad) and Karachi.

Air Commodore E. H. Fielden, Captain of the King's Flight, will fly them as well as their suite, composed of Sir Godfrey Thomas, Private Secretary to the Duke, Major Hawkins, his Equerry, and Miss Dorothy Meynell, lady-in-waiting.

On Feb. 11, the Duke and Duchess will drive in State to Kandy, where the Duke will lay the foundation stone of the new Ceylon University the following day.

On Feb. 13 and Feb. 14, they will visit the ancient ruined cities of Ceylon, and on Feb. 15 will drive back to Colombo, where the Duke will be entertained by two regiments of which he is Colonel-in-Chief—the Ceylon Planters Rifle Corps and the Ceylon Light Infantry.

They will leave Ceylon by air on Feb. 17 and are due back in Britain on Feb. 20.

At the Duke's wish, the return journey will be varied to allow a stop at Tobruk, where the Duke, as President of the Imperial War Graves Commission, will inspect war cemeteries.—Reuter.

FRANCO-BELGIAN TRADE TALKS

Brussels, Feb. 2.

Talks between Belgium and France will open here shortly to study financial problems affecting the balance of trade between the two countries.

Belgian credits to France at the end of last year totalled £7,000,000, which French purchases in Belgium had exceeded by over £10,000,000.—Reuter.

Palestine Collapse Envisaged

Lake Success, Feb. 3.

The U.N. Palestine Commission today urged immediate U.N. action to prevent a threatened "collapse of security and administrative services" in Palestine.

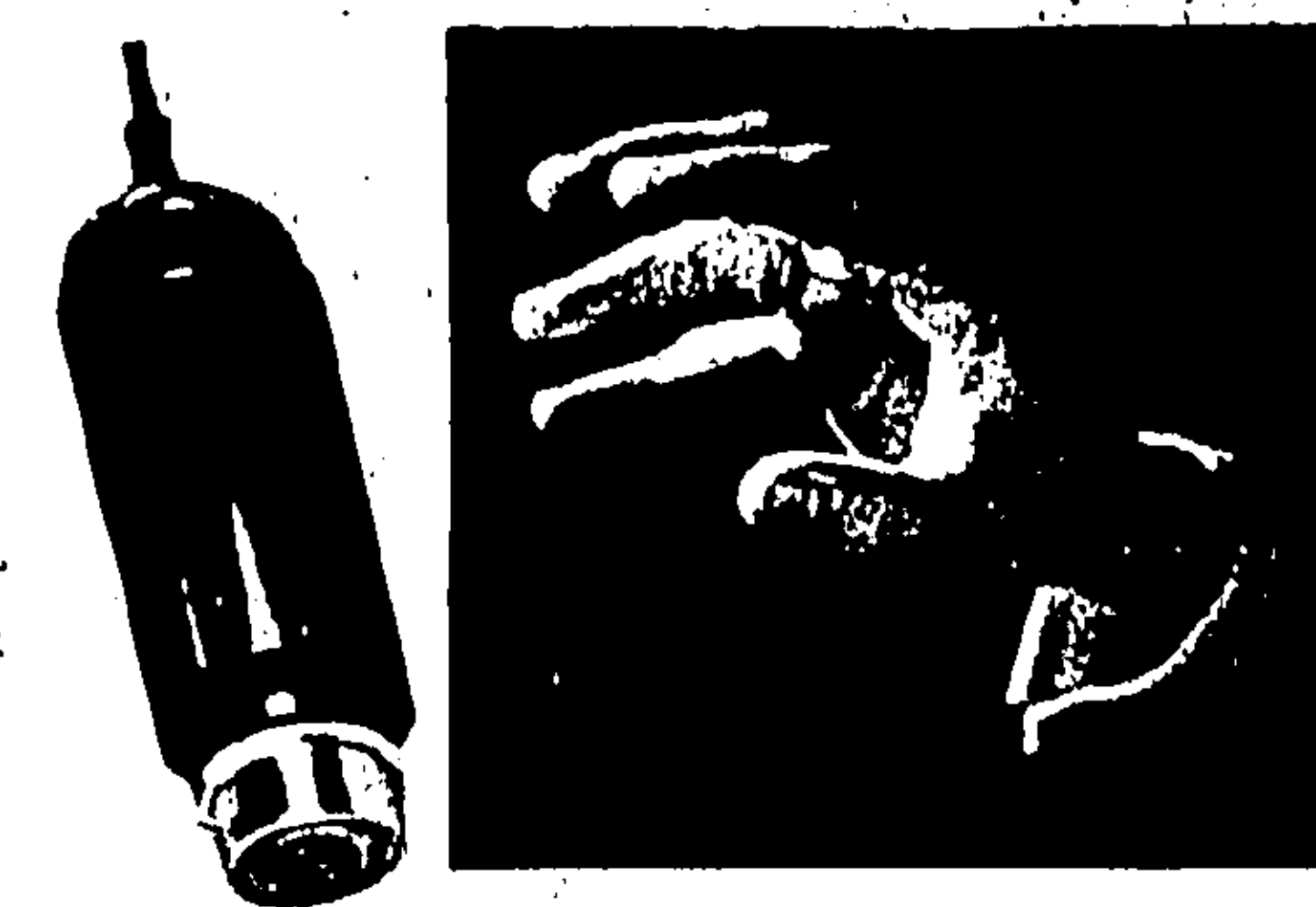
The urgency of the situation was formally reported to the Security Council for the first time by the five-nation body.

The initial report said: "All information thus far available to the Commission leads to the conclusion that the situation in Palestine, as regards both security and civil authority is more likely to worsen than to improve."

"The Commission envisages the possibility of a collapse of security and administrative services on the termination of the mandate unless adequate means are made available to the Commission for the exercise of its authority."

Britain has informed the Commission that the mandate will be terminated by May 15 or earlier.—Associated Press.

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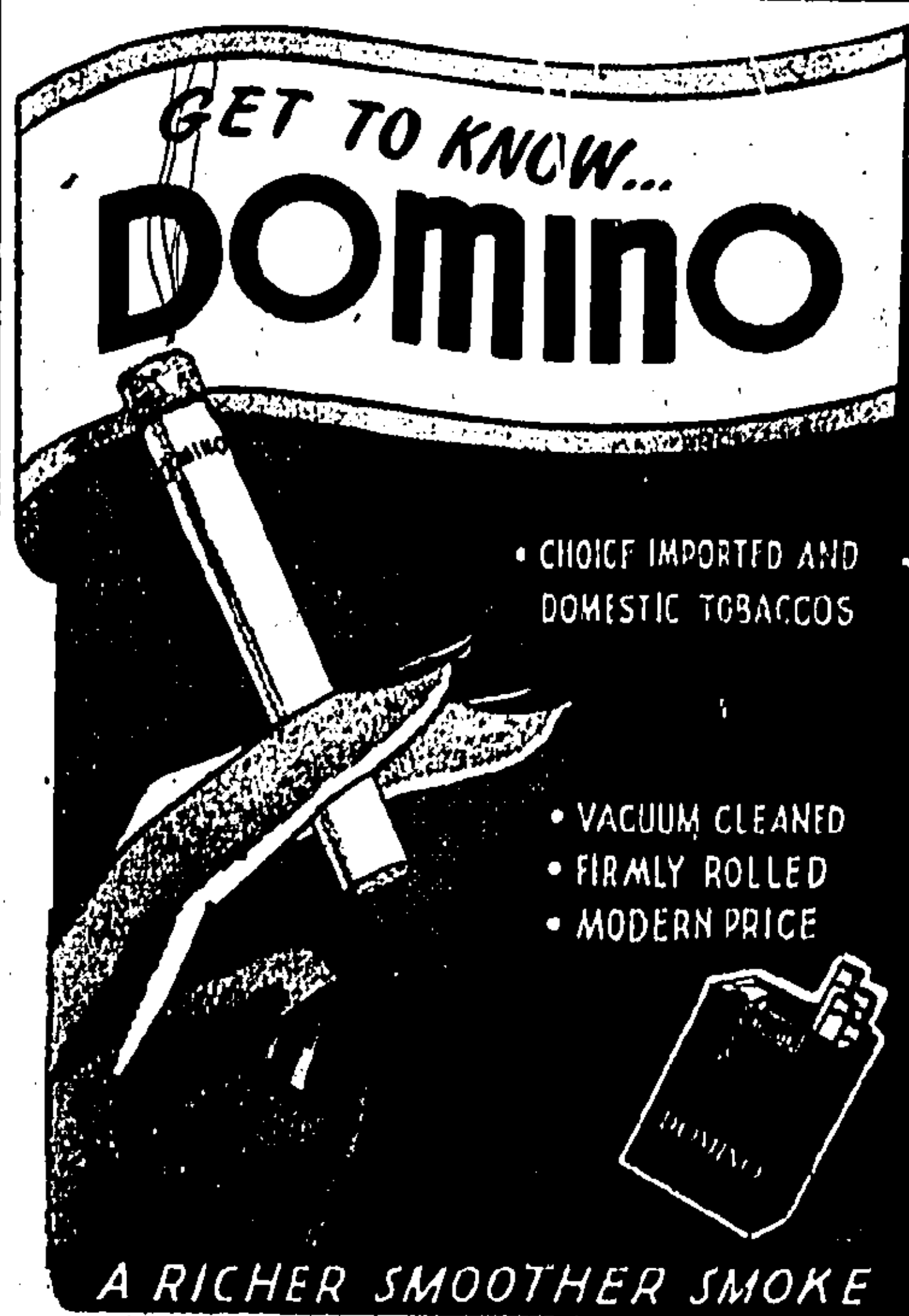


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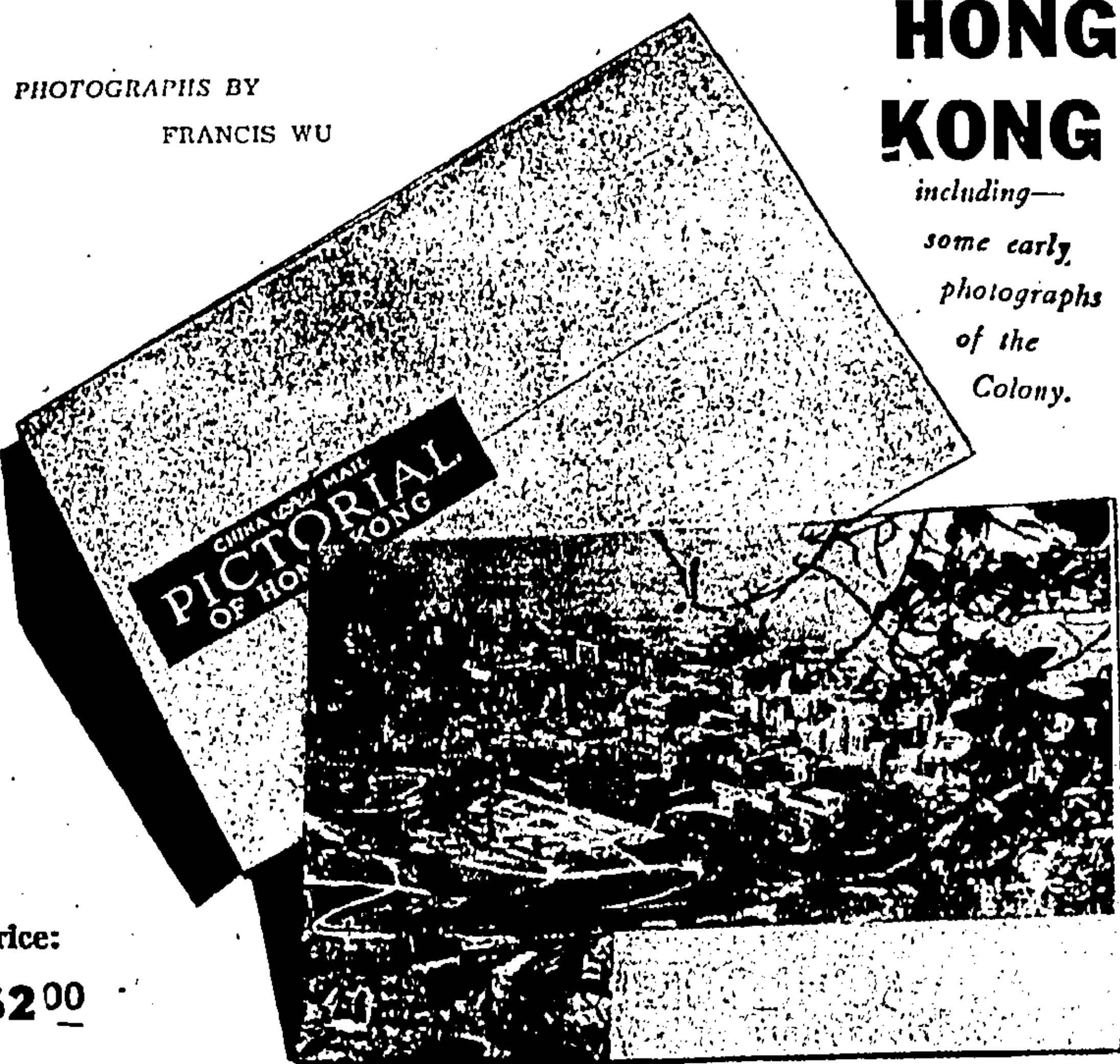
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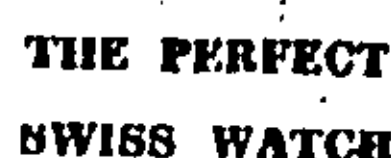
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